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## BISHOPS TARGET BIDEN

US Catholic bishops advance Communion document, setting up the potential rebuke of President Joe Biden. Page B8



### TODAY'S MUST-READS

#### SPRINGFIELD

#### Petition seeks to rename road after former rep.

City Councilor Sean F. Curran has initiated a petition to name a portion of State Street in the Mason Square area in honor of former state Rep. Benjamin Swan.

The proposed Ben Swan Way will need approval from the Old Hill Neighborhood Council, the City Council and Mayor Domenic J. Sarno.

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#### WASHINGTON

#### New video of Capitol attacks released

Videos released under court order provide a chilling new look at the chaos at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, including body camera footage that shows a man charging at a police officer with a flagpole and tackling him to the ground.

Federal judges ordered the release of the videos after media organizations went to court to request that the Department of Justice provide access. [Full story, Page A7](#)

#### SPORTS

#### It could be a wide open Open

The U.S. Open prides itself on being the most democratic of majors with some 9,000 players from all walks of golf having a chance to compete.

Richard Bland is an example of that. Just over a month ago, the 48-year-old from England was 0-for-447 in his European Tour career. Yesterday, he shot a 4-under 67 and walked off the South course at Torrey Pines with his name atop the leaderboard in the U.S. Open. [Full story, Page B1](#)

#### WEATHER

Hot, muggier, with a few storms later in the day. **High: 87°; Low: 60°**

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#### SPRINGFIELD

# Juneteenth observed



Community leaders yesterday gathered on the steps of Springfield City Hall to raise a Black Lives Matter flag to commemorate Juneteenth. President Joe Biden on Thursday signed a bill into law that made Juneteenth a national holiday. Below, spectators wave flags during the ceremony. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)



Springfield city councilor Justin Hurst talks about Juneteenth during yesterday's flag raising ceremony. Next to him is councilor Tracey Whitfield. For more photos, visit MassLive.com. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

#### ECONOMY

## State gains 9,200 jobs in May

Survey: 60% of employers currently have openings

BY JIM KINNEY

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Massachusetts gained 9,200 jobs in May as the unemployment rate here fell by three tenths of a percentage point to 6.4%, according to numbers released yesterday by both the state Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the federal Bureau of Labor statistics.

The gain of 9,200 jobs follows a revised gain of 10,200 jobs in April when the state had first said just 5,100 jobs were created in April. A March gain first reported at 12,800 jobs was revised upwards to 14,800 as the economy rapidly recovers from the pandemic.

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#### SPRINGFIELD

## Kids respiratory virus concerns Baystate doctors

Cases receded during COVID-19 prevention measures

BY ANNE-GERARD FLYNN

Special to The Republican

Community mitigation efforts enacted to curb the spread COVID-19 are believed to have reduced the transmission of other respiratory viruses, but those viruses may be making a comeback as safety measures are lifted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention health alert network issued an advisory June 10 that inter-seasonal respiratory syncytial virus activity, most common in the U.S. in fall, winter and spring, is on the increase

in parts of the South.

Dr. Christine A. McKiernan, director of Baystate Children's Hospital's pediatric intensive care unit, said the alert not only makes pediatricians aware of the increased spread of RSV that hospitalizes some 58,000 children annually in the country, but also helps put it on the radar of others such as day care providers.

"It makes day care providers and others aware that even as COVID rates are going down we may be seeing other respiratory viruses and we need to be prepared," McKiernan said. "Are we going to be testing these kids? How is that going to be affecting quarantine protocols?"

McKiernan said the country has "very quickly gone from everyone masked and distant to

BY ELIZABETH ROMÁN

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While Juneteenth is now a federal holiday, communities across the country, including Springfield, have acknowledged the day marking the end of slavery for many years.

On Friday, community leaders gathered on the steps of Springfield City Hall to raise a Black Lives Matter flag in honor of the holiday.

"Juneteenth addresses America's first sin, which was slavery," said state Rep. Bud Williams, D-Springfield, a sponsor of legislation that last year led to Juneteenth being recognized as a state holiday.

President Joe Biden on Thursday signed a bill into law that made Juneteenth a national holiday.

While Williams acknowledged the significance of the day, he said it's also important to think about how to move the Black community forward. He spoke about expanding first-time homebuyer programs and ensuring that communities of color have something to leave behind for later generations.

"Now it's time to talk about wealth building," he said. "Until we build wealth for Black and brown people, until we level the playing field, all of these

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everybody altogether without a mask" and that as a pediatrician she "does worry that we are going to see a surge in other respiratory viruses." She sees safety measures such as masks "something to consider at this point" when on-site learning begins again in the new school year.

"I think about the implications of kids going back to school in the fall," McKiernan said. "What does that mean for masking and some of the

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## WASHINGTON

# Biden touts 300M COVID-19 shots

US unlikely to reach president's July 4 goal

BY SHERYL GAY STOLBERG AND AMY SCHOENFELD WALKER

The New York Times

With the United States unlikely to reach President Joe Biden's self-imposed deadline of having 70% of American adults partly vaccinated against the coronavirus by July 4, he trumpeted a different milestone: 300 million shots in his first 150 days in office.

Biden spoke about the vaccination drive from the White House as his administration makes a last push to reach the July 4 goal. Vice President Kamala Harris and the Health and Human Services secretary, Xavier Becerra, were both on the road Friday, trying to drum up enthusiasm about the vaccine. Harris was in Atlanta, and Becerra was headed to Colorado.

"It's an important milestone," the president said, touting his administration's work. "It just didn't happen on its own or by chance."

Biden took office warning of a "dark winter" ahead, as deaths were near peak levels and vaccinations were barely underway, and he is clearly trying to portray the virus as in retreat as he nears six months in office. A fact sheet distributed by the White House before Friday's remarks noted that 15 states and Washington, D.C., have gotten at least 70% of adults one shot.

"The results are clear: America is starting to look like America again, and entering a summer of joy and freedom," the document proclaimed.

When Biden set the July 4 goal in early May, he said meeting it would demonstrate that

the United States had taken "a serious step toward a return to normal," and for many people that already seems to be the case. This week, California and New York lifted virtually all of their pandemic restrictions on business and social distancing. But the time frame is tight. An analysis by The New York Times shows that if the rate of adult vaccinations continues on the seven-day average, the country will fall just short of Biden's 70% goal, with 67.5% of American adults having had their first shot by July 4.

As of Thursday, 65% of adults have had at least one shot, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the number of Americans getting their first shot has been dropping steadily, from about 500,000 a day to about 200,000 a day since Biden announced that June would be a "month of action" to reach his goal.

"I don't see an intervention that could really bring back an exponential increase in demand to get the kind of numbers that we probably need to get to 70%," said Dr. Marcus Plescia, chief medical officer of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. "Every day it seems like it's starting to trickle along. So I think realistically, probably the best thing we could do is to try to get to steady state at this lower level."

Experts say that from a disease control perspective, the difference between 67% and 70% is insignificant. But from a political perspective, it would be the first time Biden has set a pandemic-related goal that he has not met. Biden has continually set relatively modest targets for himself and exceeded them, including his pledge to get 100 million shots in the arms of Americans by his first 100 days in office.

## Jobs

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Massachusetts employers still report difficulty in filling jobs. A survey from Associated Industries of Massachusetts survey from May showed 60% of employers currently have job openings and 53% say they cannot find qualified workers to fill those vacancies.

According to unemployment data released Friday by the state, the labor force increased by 1,900 from 3,745,700 in April, as 13,700 more residents were employed and 11,800 fewer residents were unemployed over the month.

The labor force participation rate, the share of the working age population employed

and unemployed, remained unchanged at 66.4%

Jobs numbers and unemployment numbers come from two different sources. Unemployment numbers come from a household survey. Jobs numbers come, at least initially, from a survey of employers and may lag actual job creation.

Of those new jobs in May, leisure and hospitality once again had the largest gains with 3,200 jobs added followed by education and health services, adding 2,400 jobs. Since December 2020, Massachusetts has gained 91,800 jobs.

Here is a breakdown by sector of the economy:

■ Leisure and hospitality gained 3,200 (+1.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,300 (+2.5%) jobs were added.

43,400 (+7.8%) jobs were added.

■ Education and health services gained 2,400 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 50,600 (+7.1%) jobs were added.

■ Professional and business services gained 1,600 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 37,500 (+6.6%) jobs were added.

■ Government gained 1,600 (+0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 4,400 (+1.0%) jobs were lost.

■ Manufacturing gained 1,300 (+0.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 13,000 (+5.9%) jobs were added.

■ Financial activities gained 300 jobs (+0.1%) over the month. Over the year, 5,300 (+2.5%) jobs were added.

■ Construction gained 200

(+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,300 (+1.5%) jobs were added.

■ Trade, transportation and utilities lost 200 (0.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 85,800 (+18.3%) jobs were added.

■ Other services lost 300 (-0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 20,800 (+22.4%) jobs were added.

■ Construction lost 900 (-0.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 32,400 (+25.0%) jobs were added.

At the same time, there are fewer people being laid off.

The state said Thursday that 7,549 individuals filed an initial claim for regular Unemployment Insurance a decrease of 467 claims from the previous week and a new pandemic low.

## Juneteenth

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(holidays) are great, I love them all, but we have to build wealth. ... One way to do that is to buy a home and pass it along from generation to generation."

Springfield City Councilors Tracy Whittfield and Justin Hurst thanked the many people including the Juneteenth Jubilee Committee in Springfield for a host of activities planned throughout the city, including a vendor fair, movie night and restaurant promotion.

"Let's give Springfield a round of applause, because when it comes to culture and diversity, we step up," Whittfield said.

It is up to local governments to determine whether municipal employees get the day off for Juneteenth. Hurst said Whittfield was instrumental in Springfield's decision to give city employees a paid holiday. "She put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure that even on Saturday our municipal employees would have a paid day off to observe Juneteenth Day," he said.

Yesterday's event was interrupted when Charles Stokes of the Black Liberation Alliance for Change, a group highlighting racism, injustice and police brutality in the city, began boozing Mayor Domenic J. Sarno when he approached the podium to speak. Sarno



State Rep. Orlando Ramos, D-Springfield, center, shows off his Black Lives Matter suit as state Sen. Adam Gomez Sr., left, smiles during the Juneteenth flag raising event in front of City Hall yesterday. For more photos, visit MassLive.com. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

**"Now it's time to talk about wealth building. Until we build wealth for Black and brown people, until we level the playing field, all of these (holidays) are great, I love them all, but we have to build wealth."**

State Rep. Bud Williams, D-Springfield



sponsored many of the activities happening over the course of Juneteenth weekend.

Stokes has been vocal of the mayor, the Springfield Police Department and Commissioner Cheryl Clapproad. Whittfield and Hurst said they heard his concerns, but said

the commemoration of Juneteenth should be respected.

"We don't need to sugar coat it. We know emotions are high. We know folks are frustrated, as am I," Hurst said. "We know there is more work to be done, and we are going to do it on Monday, but

Court Square Jamboree from 4-7 p.m. featuring a walk-in vaccination clinic, the Taste of Dine Black Springfield and more; The Brethren Community Foundation of Springfield will host its annual Juneteenth celebration, "Families First — Back in Stride," at the Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center from noon to 2 p.m.; In West Springfield, Storrorow Village Museum's new Summer Solstice Celebration will feature a variety of activities including a virtual and in-person Juneteenth speaker series. At 11 a.m., a lecture on "The Significance of Juneteenth in History and Present" will be given by J. Anthony Guillory, who teaches American history, African American history and African American literature at Springfield Technical Community College. At 1 p.m., a panel discussion titled "Land Ownership, Generational Wealth, & Inequality" will be moderated by Guillory, with speakers Nedra Lee and John Diffley.

## Baystate

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interventions we have done to decrease the risk of COVID-19 and should we be continuing those not just to decrease the risk for COVID, but to decrease the risk of all these respiratory viruses at least until we get kids vaccinated against COVID."

Baystate Children's pediatric intensive care unit saw its first case this year of RSV at the end of May, McKiernan said. Generally, all other such "viral infections have been much lower in the last 15 or 18 months because of all the precautions we have taken for COVID."

RSV infections generally result in mild, cold-like symptoms, but can be severe in infants and older adults. The CDC is encouraging testing for RSV among patients presenting with acute respiratory illness who test negative for COVID-19. RSV results in approximately 2.1 million outpatient visits among children younger than five each year, but can infect children of any age.

"Normally in the winter, from November to March or so, we see five to 10 cases of RSV in the pediatric intensive care per week," McKiernan said. "The floor sees more in January and February we could have 15 to 20 infants between our two units on any given day — not to mention what comes through the Emergency Department. This year we had zero including the ED. No swab was positive for RSV or influenza A or B this winter."

She noted a recent report on RSV cases coming out of Australia, which is located in the

Southern Hemisphere where summer is December to January. Researchers there analyzed data that shows a decline in cases of RSV in children the western part of the country when safety measures were in place against COVID-19 and an increase in cases "exceeding the median seasonal peak from 2012 to 2019" as those measures were lifted.

Reasons cited, including for a rise in the median age from 12.5 months to 18.4 months, were more young children with no previous exposure to RSV and a drop in immunity overall.

"As they unmasked coming into their summer, they saw a surge in respiratory viruses and because our respiratory viral pattern has really mirrored theirs six months later, I think we in pediatrics are preparing for that," McKiernan said. "It is always better to be prepared and if it does not happen, we can feel good about it rather than act surprised when it happens."

Besides its recent surge in RSV cases, Australia has also reported a gradual increase since January in influenza-like illness activity although this remains at historically low levels for the country.

The authorization of vaccines in December against the pandemic virus for those 16 years and older, and more recently expanded to include those 12 and older, has greatly reduced the spread of COVID-19 in those areas of the United States where immunization rates are high.

However, McKiernan feels that the resultant lifting of safety precautions and the potential for this to increase the circulation of other respiratory viruses poses a challenge, particularly for children too

young to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

"Parents of a 3- or 4-year-old who has some respiratory cold symptoms may not necessarily be rushing to their pediatrician, but parents do need to be aware that RSV is out there and contagious," McKiernan said. "It is going to make things a little bit confusing this summer for people who are traveling or putting their kids back in programs that are daycare or summer care. It is going to complicate the situation a bit in differentiating RSV from COVID and thinking about keeping your children home when they have these symptoms and are not tested for RSV."

McKiernan said the school year ahead "is going to be confusing" as well in terms of precautions to be taken particularly to protect for those too young to be vaccinated.

She urged families to vaccinate their members six months and older against seasonal flu and to consider COVID vaccination now and when it is expanded to include those under 12.

"You could have an 8-year-old who has respiratory symptoms and comes to class and coughs," McKiernan said. "Do you quarantine the whole class, do you test her for RSV. We know you can have RSV and COVID. This is not only about kids who are not yet immunized and therefore do not have that protection available to adults. It is about one more argument for kids to continue to wear masks when they go back to school and are in close quarters."

The CDC advisory said that with the reduced circulation of seasonal RSV "older infants and toddlers might now be at increased risk of severe RSV-associated illness since

they likely have not had typical levels of exposure to RSV during the past 15 months."

Some states outside the South have been seeing an increase in detection of the virus this spring, but less than would be normal.

RSV is an RNA virus that spreads mainly through infected respiratory droplets when a person coughs or sneezes, and through direct contact with a contaminated surface. It is the most common cause of pneumonia as well as bronchiolitis, an inflammatory condition in the small airways in the lung, in children younger than one in the United States.

"A little bit of inflammation in an infant airway can start to make breathing difficult and to start to plug up airways," McKiernan said. "In younger children and children with other medical conditions or children born prematurely or have bad asthma and children who have other medical conditions RSV can be quite severe."

People infected with RSV are usually contagious for three to eight days, but some can transmit the virus for up to four weeks even after they no longer show symptoms. The CDC says children are often exposed to and infected with RSV outside the home, such as in school or child-care centers and then can then transmit the virus to other members of the family.

The virus can survive for several hours on hard surfaces such as tables and crib rails.

Each year in the United States, the CDC said RSV leads to on average approximately 58,000 hospitalizations with 100 to 500 deaths among children younger than five, and 17,000 hospitalizations with 14,000 deaths among adults aged 65 years or older.

## LOTTERIES

### MASS. DAILY NUMBERS

Friday, June 18

Mid Day	Evening	Not available
3287	3966	11-16-17-18-24

Exact order

All 4	\$5,668	\$4,479
First or last 3	\$794	\$627
Any 2	\$68	\$54
Any 1	\$7	\$55

Any order

All 4	\$236	\$373
First 3	\$132	\$104
Last 3	\$132	\$209

Previous numbers drawn

Thursday	6840	7611
Wednesday	5576	2855
Tuesday	4025	2275
Monday	5654	8694
Sunday	6823	6006
Saturday	6134	9702

MEGA MILLIONS

June 18 Not available

Megaball: NA; Megaplier: NA

June 15 18-22-27-38-52

Megaball: 11; Megaplier: 4

### MASS CASH

June 18	Not available
June 17	11-16-17-18-24
June 16	4-21-25-33-34-33

MEGABUCKS

June 16	9-29-33-34-35-40
Doubler: 7	

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June 12	7-17-25-39-40-48
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**"I have witnessed the tireless efforts of Janis to secure funding and resources to continuously improve and expand services for the children, families and staff of HCS Head Start. Janis is the face of HCS Head Start and although she is retiring, her spirit and legacy will be with us for many years to come."**

Susan Gosselin, chairwoman of Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield Head Start, on the retirement of CEO Janis Santos. Santos has been a staunch advocate for early education for 48 years and will step down at the end of the year.



**"This is one we really were hoping to get because we work with these young people every day and this gives us the means to help them make major changes in their lives and futures."**

Maria Ligus, executive director of the New North Citizens Council. The organization received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to assist youth in Greater Springfield who have dropped out of school with a chance to earn equivalency certification and a job.



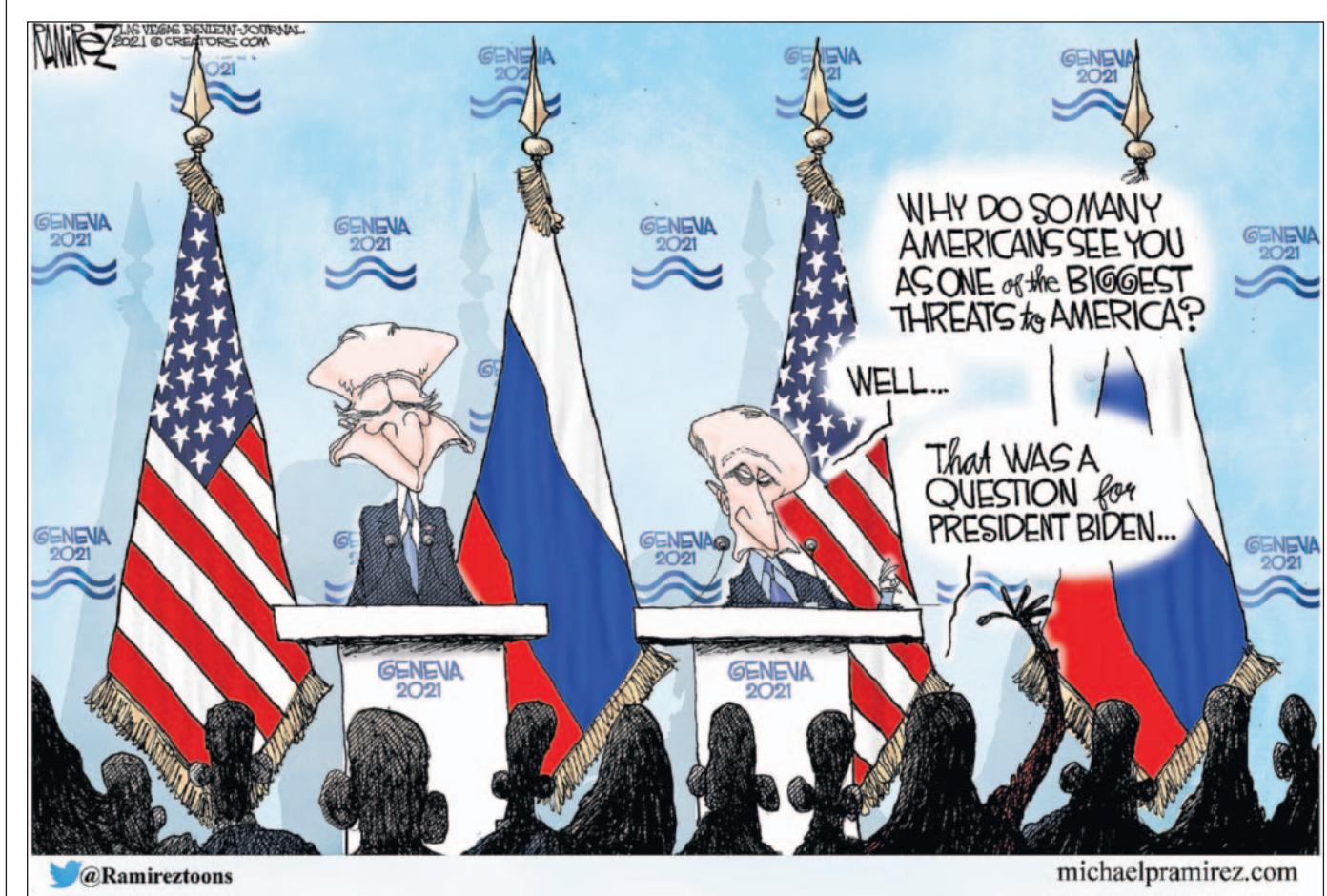
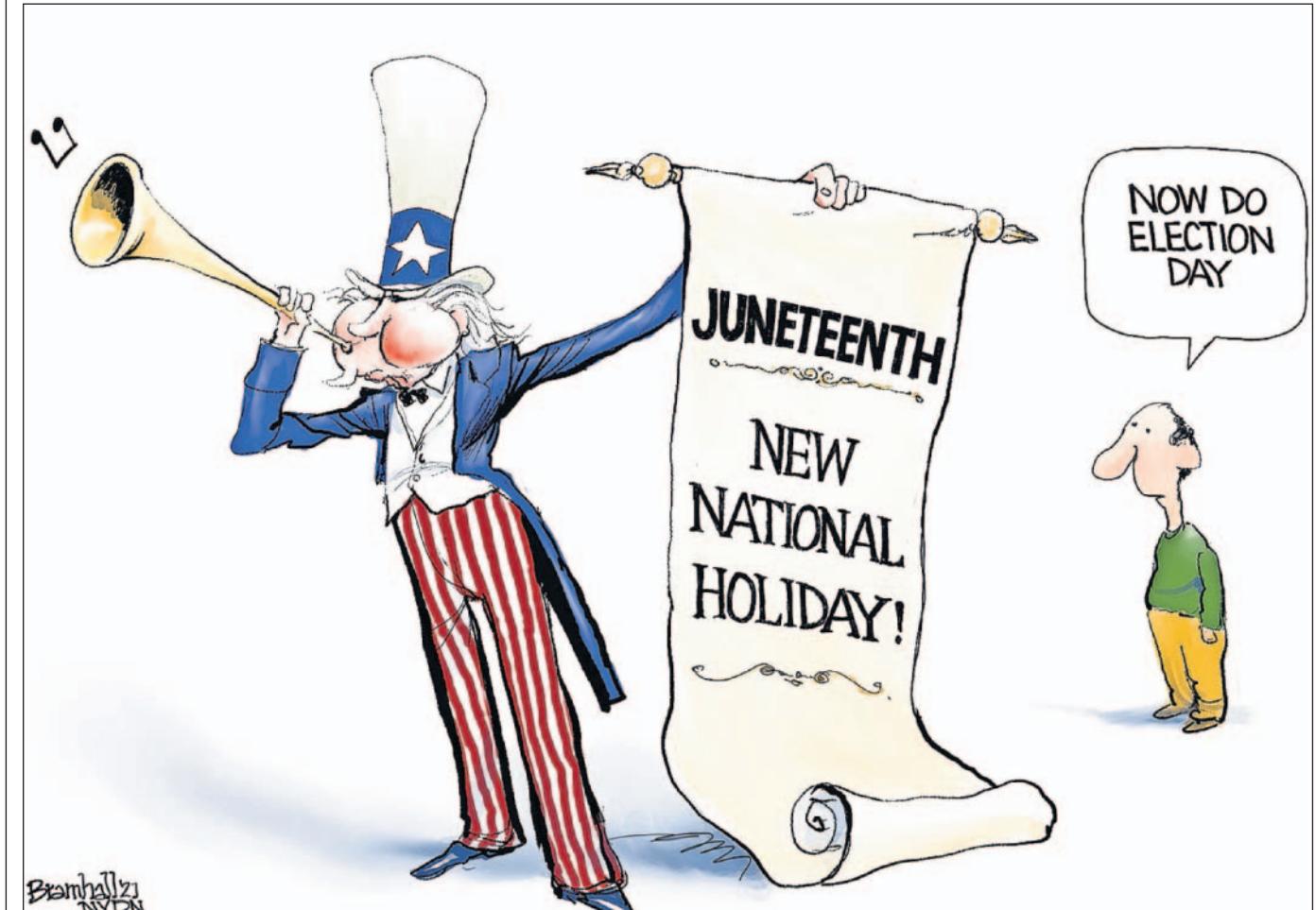
**"God has been good to me but I don't want to push my luck. And I have other things I want to do — things in the community."**

Robert Bolduc, CEO of Pride Stores, announcing that his gas and convenience store chain is for sale. Pride has 31 stores and 525 employees.



**"Girl Scout cookie season isn't just when you get to buy cookies. It's interacting with the girls. It's Americana."**

Kelly Parisi, a spokeswoman for the Girl Scout of the USA. The Girl Scouts have 15 million boxes of unsold cookies on their hands. As the pandemic wore into the spring selling season, many troops nixed their traditional cookie booths for safety reasons. The council is now encouraging people to buy boxes online through its Hometown Heroes program, which distributes cookies to health care workers, firefighters and others.



**ATHOL****Body found in river identified**

The body found in the Millers River in downtown Athol on Wednesday has been identified as 37-year-old Julia Okrusko of Athol, according to the Northwestern District Attorney's Office.

The body was discovered in the water near the Crescent Street Bridge around 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

According to the DA's office, the state medical examiner was able to confirm the identity as Okrusko.

The cause of death remains under investigation by the medical examiner, but no foul play or criminal activity is suspected.

The death also remains under investigation by the Athol Police and the state police Detective Unit attached to the Northwestern DA's office.

**SPRINGFIELD****Police probe death in Pine Point**

City detectives are investigating the death of a man inside a Pine Point home during what police termed a domestic disturbance.

Department spokesman Ryan Walsh said officers were called to a home on Tilton Street Thursday afternoon for a domestic disturbance. When officers arrived, they found an adult man dead.

The name of the man is not being released, and police have not characterized the death as a homicide. The state medical examiner will determine the cause of death.

Walsh said the other "involved party" remained on the scene and is cooperating with police.

As of Thursday night, no charges had been filed.

The death is being investigated by the Springfield Detective Bureau and the Hampden district attorney's office.

**CHICOPEE****Palmer woman killed in crash**

A 36-year-old Palmer woman was killed yesterday afternoon when her car rolled over on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Chicopee.

State police said the woman apparently lost control of her 2005 Subaru as she drove in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 90 near mile marker 50.2 at about 1:45 p.m. The car crossed over the median into the westbound lanes, but did not collide with any other vehicles.

Good Samaritans and emergency medical personnel attempted first aid, but she succumbed to her injuries at the scene, police said.

A juvenile in the car was seriously injured and was transported to the Baystate Medical Center.

The names of the victims are being withheld.

The incident remains under investigation.

**BOSTON****Orchestra to resume in-person performances**

The Boston Symphony Orchestra yesterday announced plans to reopen Symphony Hall and resume in-person performances for a complete season starting in September.

The BSO will open the 2021-2022 season on Sept. 30 — after an 18-month live-audience performance hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic — with Music Director Andris Nelsons sharing the podium with Boston Pops Conductor Laureate John Williams for a program featuring soloist Anne-Sophie Mutter.

The program will feature Beethoven's *Consecration of the House* Overture, the work that opened the orchestra's inaugural concert in 1881. The reopening concert will also feature the Boston premiere of a new work by Williams — *Violin Concerto No. 2* — and Bartok's *Concerto for Orchestra*.

**SPRINGFIELD****Petition seeks to rename road in honor of former state rep.**

**City Councilor leading effort for Ben Swan Way**

**BY PETER GOONAN**  
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City Councilor Sean F. Curran has initiated a petition to name a portion of State Street in the Mason Square area in honor of former state Rep. Benjamin Swan.

The proposed Ben Swan Way will need approval from the Old Hill Neighborhood Council, the City Council and Mayor Domenic J. Sarno.

"After a lifetime of public service, it is a fitting tribute to name this section of State Street, in the heart of the Mason Square neighborhood, Ben Swan Way," Curran said. "Ben has always been a community builder in Springfield, a bridge-builder."

Curran said he is targeting the section of State Street that cuts away from the main corridor and links to Wilbraham Road. The loop extends from Hawley Street to Eastern Avenue and travels in front of Swan's former district headquarters. It is near the recently restored Mason Square fire station and Mason Square Apartments.

Swan, 87, represented the 11th Hampden District for 22 years, from 1994 until his retirement in 2016. He has been a community leader and



Springfield City Councilor Sean Curran, right, is proposing to name a section of State Street in honor of his former Massachusetts House of Representatives colleague Benjamin Swan, left. The two are seen sitting outside the Mason Square fire station in 2019. (RYAN CLARK PHOTO / COURTESY OF SEAN CURRAN)

civil rights activist for decades. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Swan's accomplishments as a legislator, as listed by Curran, include voting for a \$50 million loan to the city when Springfield was in fiscal crisis in 2004, and voting for funds for the construction of a new Putnam Vocational Technical Academy.

"Mr. Swan has always fought for issues that improved social and economic conditions for his neighbor, city, and country," Curran said.

Curran, who served 10 years with Swan in the House of Representatives, said he will be gathering signatures from the neighborhood in support of the honorary designation.

Swan was not immediately

available for comment, but is aware of the plans, Curran said.

Curran began the petition process on Thursday by obtaining a Honorary Street Sign Application from the city.

Past petitions have led to other honorary street renamings, leading to ceremonies where blue street signs are unveiled.

In 2015, the city renamed Plainfield Street in the North End as Barbara Rivera Way, in memory of a longtime community activist who served 31 years as executive director of the New North Citizens Council.

In 2018, a section of Main Street in the North End was named in honor of the decorated 65th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Borinqueneers.

**BOSTON****Masks still required for summer school**

**Baker expects 'business as usual' this fall**

**BY CHRIS LISINSKI**  
State House News Service

students will in fact need to cover their faces indoors and on school buses under the most recent Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidance.

When it announced on May 27 that all health and safety requirements would be lifted for the start of the 2021-2022 academic year, DESE told districts it will "not issue separate guidance for summer school programs" and that schools "are encouraged to follow the health and safety guidance from DESE currently in place for in-person learning this spring."

The May 27 guidance says educators who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks, but students are required to wear masks indoors and on buses unless they receive a medical or behavior exemption.

All K-12 schools will be required to bring students back to full-time, in-person learning starting in the fall.

"The data at this point is coming back to us and it's overwhelmingly clear that COVID in schools, going forward, should not be an issue. It's always possible something could happen, and if it does, we'll make

adjustments," Baker said. "But I think our message to people at this point is: school should look a lot more like it did before the pandemic."

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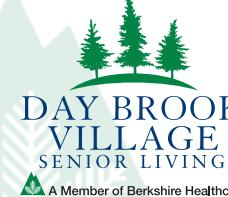
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**WINDSOR LOCKS****COVID vaccination clinic opens at Bradley**

Airport officials may expand program past June 25

**BY JIM KINNEY**  
jkinney@repub.com

to receive the vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine requires a second dose after 21 days and Griffin Health staff will provide information and instructions for the scheduling of the second dose.

Expect a push to more local and convenience focused vaccination programs as states work to reach vaccination goals despite knowing that many of those eager to get the shots have already gotten them.

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Bradley reported this week that its traveler volume has returned to normal or near-normal numbers following the near shutdown of air travel early in the pandemic.

Federal rules require people to wear masks on planes, at airports and at TSA checkpoints regardless of vaccination status. The same goes for buses, even transit buses, on trains and at bus and train stations.

# Death Notices

## Services and calling hours

**BELL, Rita S.**  
Memorial Mass Monday, June 21 at 11:00 AM at Holy Cross Church, 221 Plumtree Rd., Springfield.

**BOULETTE, John Wayne**  
Come and share your memories of John from 12Noon-2:00PM, Sat 6/19/2021 at Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, Southwick, MA

**BOWLER, Avis I.**  
Funeral service Tues. at 11:30am in the Farrell Funeral Home, Holyoke. Burial in St. Jerome Cemetery. Calling hours Tuesday morning 9:30 to 11:30

**BURKOTT, John M.**  
A Celebration of Life will be held at Firtion Adams Funeral Home on June 25, 2021, visiting hours are 4-7PM and a blessing will be said at 7PM.

**CAULTON, Barbara Elizabeth (Holmes)**

A Celebration of Life Service Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 AM Bethlehem Church 123 Allen St. Hampden MA 0136. Visit: www.hendersontsf.com

**CONLON, Joseph P.**  
Mass at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Westfield at 10am on 6/19. Gathering at 9am at the church.

**COSSABOOM, Earl R.**

VH are Mon. June 21st from 4-7pm at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres. Mass is June 22nd at 11am at St. Patrick's Church, Springfield. Burial to follow at Agawam MA Veteran's Cemetery.

**FULLER, Shirley G.**

Memorial Service Saturday, June 19th at 11AM at Wilbraham Funeral Home. Visitation 10-11AM.

**GADDA, Peter Paul**

Funeral Mass Sat. 10 am at St. Anne Church, Chicopee. No Visiting Hours at St. Pierre-Phaneuf Fairview Chapels (413-533-3307). stpierrephaneuf.com

**GAMELLI, JR., Thomas A.**

A Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, June 19th, at St. Cecilia's Church, in Wilbraham, at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Byron Keenan Funeral Home, the Evangelist. Burial MA Vet's Mem. Cem. Agawam.

**LOCKE, Yvette E.**

Visiting hrs. 4-7PM-Tues. 6/22 at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, Agawam. Funeral Wed. 6/23 9AM at funeral home/w/Mass 10AM St. John the Evangelist. Burial MA Vet's Mem. Cem. Agawam.

**MCGOVERN JR., Thomas J.**

Mass of Christian Burial Monday, June 21, at 11:30 AM at St. Patrick's Church, Pearl St. Enfield. Everyone is asked to meet at the church. Burial will be held privately.

**OSTROWSKI, Robert J.**

A Graveside service will be held Saturday June 19, 2021 at Hafey Springfield Chapels, Mass at 12:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, Spfld. Burial to follow at St. Michael's Cemetery.

**JONES, Keith G.**

Visiting Hours Sun. Jun 20 from 2 to 4 pm at Sampson Chapel of the Acres. Funeral Home service Mon. Jun 21 at 11am at the funeral home.

**PLOUFFE, Vivian O.**

Visitation Sunday 6/20 from 2-5PM at Brunelle's FH. Mass Mon 6/21 9AM at St. Rose de Lima Church, Chicopee. Burial Notre Dame Cemetery.

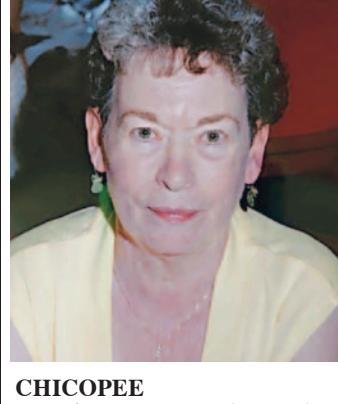
**John M. Burkott**  
1993 - 2021



**Gennaro "James" Stellato**  
1937 - 2021



**Avis I. Bowler**  
1936 - 2021



### SPRINGFIELD

John "Johnny" Michael Burkott, 28, of Springfield, formerly Westfield, tragically passed away in a car accident on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Born in Springfield, MA on April 22, 1993, he was the adored son and true friend of Elizabeth (Collins) and Thomas Kwapien. He was a devoted Father to Aurora Burkott and a loving Partner of Tamari Streeter both of Springfield, MA. Devoted brother of Allie Burkott (Riccardo Racicot) of West Springfield, MA and Jennifer Burkott of Westfield, MA. Cherished Grandson of Ronald and Martha (Moylan) Collins and Alice (Aspinall) Burkott. He was a loved Nephew of Abby, Amie, Shelly, Sarah, R.J., and Patti. Cousin, and Friend to many. Johnny fiercely loved all of his family. He was able to achieve his greatest dream of creating his own family. Johnny's humorous and loving spirit and zest for life was contagious to all who knew him. He always stood up for the underdog and was a friend to all. Johnny had many interests including his love of music, biking, hiking, paddle boarding, skateboarding, and snowboarding. Johnny held a Firemen's License and worked as a control operator at Smith College. He was raised in Westfield, MA and attended Westfield Public Schools. He was such a bright light in everyone's lives and that light continues to shine through the legacy he left behind, his daughter. May we all remember Johnny as the loving father, partner, son, brother, and friend he was and strive to live life to the fullest, just as he did. A Celebration of Life will be held at Firtion Adams Funeral Home on June 25, 2021, visiting hours are 4-7 PM and a blessing will be said at 7PM. In lieu of flowers, Johnny would prefer a donation for his daughter Aurora that will be put into a fund account for future expenses of higher education. GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/9018d1a8>

### FEEDING HILLS

Gennaro "James" Stellato, 84, of Feeding Hills, passed away peacefully June 16, 2021. Born March 4, 1937 in Bracigliano, Italy, he was a son to the late Pietro and Emilia (Leone) Stellato. He was owner/operator of his own landscaping company until his retirement. Gennaro's favorite pastimes were gardening, playing cards, making homemade wine and savoring the peaceful moments while sitting under his grapevines. In his early days he enjoyed hunting and playing bocce. His greatest passion, however, was spending time with his family, especially the Sunday family dinners where he and his family would enjoy the homemade tomato sauce made with tomatoes from his garden. He is survived by his 7 children Peter Stellato and his wife, Giovannina, Joe Stellato and Suzanne Long all of Feeding Hills, Mario Stellato and his wife, Debbie of Agawam, Emilia Scala and her husband, Vincent of Feeding Hills, Rosa Signorelli of Agawam, Tina Goldberg of West Springfield, and James Stellato Jr. and his wife, Cindy of Agawam; 22 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and other loving family, including family from Italy and numerous friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his devoted wife of 65 yrs. Josephine F. (Cardaropoli) Stellato; grandson Peter Stellato Jr.; brothers Mario, Umberto, Amedeo and Claudio Stellato; and sisters Carmela Stellato and Rosa Daniele. Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Monday, June 21, 2021 from 4-7PM at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam. Gennaro's funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd beginning at 8:30AM at the funeral home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial, to be celebrated at 10AM, in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Springfield. Burial will follow in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. For online condolences please visit [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com).

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**David Allen Kaynor**  
1948 - 2021

### MONTAGUE

David Allen Kaynor of Montague died on June 1 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. He was born April 17, 1948, in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Allen and Louise (Frost) Kaynor.

David earned three degrees from Springfield College, which his great-grandfather, David Allen Reed, founded. David gained national prominence for fiddling and calling contra dances, and received the 2021 Country Dance and Song Society Lifetime Contribution Award. He is survived by his brother, Richard Kaynor (India), and sisters Cynthia Ballou (Iowa) and Carol Kaynor (Alaska). He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Josephine Rickard.

See [tinyurl.com/dakaynor](http://tinyurl.com/dakaynor) for a full obituary.

### A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

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**RIVARD, Mary Lou**  
SAT 11:30 AM at St. Thomas Church, 47 Pine St., W. Spfld. Funeral will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. A Calling Hour will be held SAT from 10 to 11 AM at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St. W. Spfld.

**SANTANIAGO, Duilio**  
Visiting hours 4-7pm, Friday 6/18, Forastiere Smith's Long. Funeral Sat 6/19 8:30, Funeral Mass, 10:00, Mt. Carmel Springfield.

**WELKER, Angelane**  
Visiting Hours Sat. Jun 19 from 10 am to 11 am at Sampson Chapel of the Acres. Funeral Sat. Jun 19 at 11:30 am at St. Patrick Church in Spfld. Burial to follow at Gate of Heaven.

### Stanley Joseph Radkowski

1931 - 2021



**WILBRAHAM**

Stanley Joseph Radkowski, 89, of Wilbraham, MA, passed away June 6, 2021.

Stanley was born December 9, 1931 to Anastasia (Lazuta) and Ludwick Radkowski in New Castle, Pennsylvania. After high school, Stanley graduated from the Virginia Military Institute where he earned his degree. He worked as a chemist for Universal Match, Diamond Match, Ohio Match and American Cyanamid. He developed and held several patents.

Stanley was passionate about his family farm and his favorite times were those spent with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, JoAnne (Bradley) Radkowski, daughters Cheryl (Alan) Brown of Belchertown, Laura Wolcott of Springfield, Susan (Thomas) Daley of Belchertown, Lisa (Michael) Lavelle of Wayland, and his grandchildren Kyle Brown, Nicole Wolcott, Alexis Wolcott, Michael Lavelle, Erin Lavelle, Thomas Daley, Morgan Daley, and Ryan (Ashley) Radkowski, great grandson, David Radkowski, and a sister, Annie Hric.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents, son, Stanley J. Radkowski II, son-in-law, David Wolcott, granddaughter, Ashley Wolcott, brothers, Steve, John, Frank, Peter, Louis, Leo, and Paul Radkowski.

Per the family's request, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association

### Joan M. Serrenho

1936 - 2021



### BRIMFIELD

Joan M. (Veto) Serrenho, 84, passed away peacefully at home while in the loving embrace of her husband on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Joan was born in Springfield, MA on July 8, 1936 to Charles and Jennie (Mastriani) Veto. Joan lived in Springfield until she moved to Brimfield, MA. Joan retired from a career in the banking and healthcare industries. She was a 30 year kidney transplant survivor, an avid sports fan as well as a communicant of St. Christopher's Church in Brimfield. Joan is survived by her husband Joaquin Serrenho, two children; Lisa Hackworth of Athens, AL and Michael and his wife Mary of Brimfield, MA. She also leaves four siblings; Carol Bresette, Antionette Fusco, Peter and John Veto. Joan will be missed by her five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Beers and Story Palmer Funeral Home have been entrusted with arrangements in which all funeral services will be private. A Mass and celebration of life will be at the family's discretion. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to American Kidney Fund at [kidneyfund.org](http://kidneyfund.org). For more information visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).



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### Norma M. Ianello & James J. Ianello

1928 - 2021



first people on the dance floor, and the last to leave.

They leave behind their loving children, Richard Ianello and his wife, Teresa, of Longmeadow, David P. Ianello of Florida, Claire Angers and her husband, David, of Otis, MA, Debbie O'Brien of East Longmeadow, Mark Ianello and his wife, Elle, of Newburyport, MA, Christopher Ianello of Cincinnati OH, Jim Ianello of East Brunswick, NJ, Mary Russo and her husband, Andy, of Enfield, CT, Cathy Turowsky and her husband, John, of East Longmeadow, and Norma Ianello of New Jersey, 13 cherished grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. James leaves a brother, John Ianello and a sister, Joanne Ianello both of Springfield. In addition to their parents, they were predeceased by their beloved four-year-old son, Peter Ianello in 1955. Norma was predeceased by her brother, Robert Savoie and sisters, Dorothy McDowell and Claire O'Brien and James was predeceased by his sister, Millie Plantier.

Family and friends are invited to gather on Monday, June 21, for a period of visitation from 10-11:30 a.m. for Norma and James at Hafey Springfield Chapels, 494 Belmont Ave., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 1900 Allen St., Springfield. Committal prayers and burial will follow immediately after the mass at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in James and Norma's names, may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, 577 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. [www.hafeyfuneralservice.com](http://hafeyfuneralservice.com)

**Ernest J. LaBranche Sr.**  
1937 - 2021

### WEST SPRINGFIELD

Ernest J. LaBranche Sr., 84, died unexpectedly Thursday morning. Ernie was born in Agawam, the son of the late Ernest A. and Gloriana (Boulterice) LaBranche. He lived most of his life in West Springfield, attending the Old Memorial School and graduating from West Springfield High School in 1955, where he played Hockey and Football and was a member of the 1952 West Side High Peanut Bowl Team. In 1956 he attended the Porter School of Design in Hartford, until he was drafted to active duty in the USNR serving two years aboard the ice breaker USS Edisto, crossing the Arctic Circle twice. After his military service he worked briefly for Third National Bank. In 1960 he was appointed to the West Springfield Fire Department, where he served for 30 years retiring in 1990. While on the Fire Department, he served many years as secretary of the W.S. Permanent Fireman's Relief Association. In 1979 he was appointed District 6 Registrar for the Amateur Hockey Association and served two years as its treasurer. He was instrumental in registering all Western Mass youth hockey teams into the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States. In 1985 he supervised the National PeeWee Hockey Tournament at the Springfield Civic Center. In 1990, he was appointed Superintendent of the St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield by the late Rev. John T. Cain. In 1999 he became an associate of the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and worked part-time until his death. He was predeceased by his first wife the love of his life Eleanor (Bailey) LaBranche in 2003 and a brother Raymond in 1990. He leaves his current wife Patricia (Lapine) LaBranche, two sons Ernest J. LaBranche Jr. and his wife Beverly and daughter Brooke, Richard J. LaBranche and his partner Doreen Doe; a daughter Julianne Dow and her husband Jim and daughter Erin and son Thomas; two stepsons Michael Yanginski and Scott Yanginski and his wife Jill; six step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A private service was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home followed by burial in St. Thomas Cemetery. For online condolences please visit [curranjones.com](http://curranjones.com). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Project Healing Waters which will enable wounded veterans the opportunity to participate in fly fishing one of Ernie's favorite pastimes.

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**Felecia Celeste Williams**  
 1961 - 2021
**FORMERLY SPRINGFIELD**

Felecia Celeste Williams was called home on Tuesday June 8, 2021 in Durham, North Carolina. Born July 29th, 1961 to Beverly Ann Palmer and the late Jack Grant Williams, she is the fifth of six children raised in Springfield, Massachusetts where she attended Forest Park Middle School, Classical High School and Springfield Technical Community College. A longstanding member of the United House of Prayer for all People, her accomplished career in human resources spans four decades. Her greatest joys in life were her two children, Omar A. Williams, (Minneapolis, MN) and Tawanna "Riri" Johnson, (Durham, NC), and her beloved grandson Jamir Rashard Buie. Predeceased by her eldest brother Derek Williams Senior, Felecia is survived by siblings Grant A. Williams (Atlanta, GA), Fabian M. Williams Sr. (Graham, NC), Deborah C. Williams (Springfield, MA), and Rolanda C. Williams (Springfield, MA) and fondly remembered by nieces and nephews Derek Jr., Jeanne, Taurus, Julius, Cherise, Christopher, Fabian Jr., Shantaya, Tabrina, Shaymara, Tarina, and a host of great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday June 21st, 6pm at United House of Prayer for all People 331 Wilbraham Road, Springfield MA 01109. Mask and social distancing required. Tuesday June 22nd, 8:15am Henderson Funeral Home procession to Oak Grove Cemetery for burial. Henderson Funeral Home is in charge of all professional services. Please sign guestbook at [www.hendersongfh.com](http://www.hendersongfh.com).

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A man takes a photo yesterday of waves crashing into what once was a dock for a ferry that transported people from Bay St. Louis to Pass Christian, Miss., as a tropical system moves toward the Mississippi Coast. (JUSTIN MITCHELL / THE SUN HERALD VIA AP)

**NEW ORLEANS**

## Gulf braces for tropical weather

**BY KEVIN MCGILL AND JEFF MARTIN**

Associated Press

A disorganized storm system carrying tropical storm-force winds churned through the Gulf of Mexico toward the Southern U.S. yesterday, lashing coastal communities with bands of rain, threatening Father's Day tourism business and forcing the postponement of Juneteenth celebrations in Mississippi and Alabama.

Forecasters said the broad system was moving north over the Gulf of Mexico with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph, which is above the tropical storm threshold of 39 mph. It hadn't been designated a tropical storm as of yesterday afternoon, however, because it lacked a single, well defined center, said Benjamin Schott, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service office in Slidell, Louisiana.

The looming weather imperiled Father's Day weekend commerce in tourism areas already suffering economic losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic. A swamp tour company in Crown Point, Louisiana, canceled afternoon tours yesterday and was afraid it would have to do the same for today.

Austin Sumrall, the owner and chef at the White Pillars Restaurant and Lounge in Biloxi, Mississippi, had 170 reservations on his books for tomorrow, but was concerned that some patrons would can-

cel. "We saw, especially last year, the rug can get jerked out from under you pretty quickly," he said.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida — extending from Morgan City, Louisiana, to the Okaloosa-Walton County line in the Florida Panhandle. Coastal surge flooding was possible and flash flood watches extended along the coast from southeast Louisiana into the Florida panhandle and well inland into Mississippi, Alabama and western Georgia.

"I hope it just gets in and gets out," said Greg Paddie, manager of Tacky Jack's, a restaurant at Alabama's Orange Beach.

Mayor Jeff Collier of Dauphin Island, off Alabama's coast, said officials there had already contacted debris removal contractors and made sandbags available to residents. "We're pretty well prepared to the extent that we can be," Collier said. "This is not our first rodeo."

By midday yesterday, brisk winds and bands of rain were hitting the coast from south of New Orleans to Pensacola, Florida. An afternoon advisory from the National Hurricane Center said the system was about 165 miles south of Morgan City, Louisiana and was moving north at 14 mph.

Forecasters said the system could produce up to 12 inches through the weekend along the central U.S. Gulf Coast.

tended voting by two hours, to 2 a.m. yesterday, citing the need to accommodate "crowds" at several polling stations nationwide.

"My vote will not change anything in this election, the number of people who are voting for Raisi is huge and Hemmati does not have the necessary skills for this," said Hediye, a 25-year-old woman who gave only her first name while hurrying to a taxi after avoiding the polls. "I have no candidate here."

Iranian state television sought to downplay the turnout, pointing to the Gulf Arab sheikhdoms surrounding it ruled by hereditary leaders and the lower participation in Western democracies. But since the 1979 revolution overthrew the shah, Iran's theocracy has cited voter turnout as a sign of its legitimacy, beginning with its first referendum that won 98.2% support that simply asked whether or not people wanted an Islamic Republic.

Opinion polling by state-linked organizations, along with analysts, indicated that judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi — who already is under U.S. sanctions — was the front-runner in a field of only four candidates. Former Central Bank chief Abdolnasser Hemmati is running as the moderate candidate but hasn't inspired the same support as outgoing President Hassan Rouhani, who is term-limited from seeking the office again.

As night fell, turnout appeared far lower than in Iran's last presidential election in 2017. At one polling place inside a mosque in central Tehran, a Shiite cleric played soccer with a young boy as most of its workers napped in a courtyard. At another, officials watched videos on their mobile phones as state television blared beside them, offering only tight shots of locations around the country — as opposed to the long, snaking lines of past elections.

As fear over turnout mounted, Iran's Interior Ministry ex-

**WASHINGTON**

## New video of Capitol attacks released

Footage shows ex-NYPD officer attacking police

**BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**

Associated Press

Videos released under court order provide a chilling new look at the chaos at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, including body camera footage that shows a man charging at a police officer with a flagpole and tackling him to the ground.

Federal judges ordered the release of the videos after media organizations, including The Associated Press, went to court to request that the Department of Justice provide access. The videos are being presented as evidence in prosecutors' cases against three men charged with assaulting police.

The new videos show a Marine Corps veteran and former New York City police officer wielding a flagpole as he attacks police, as well as rioters crushing another officer into a door as he screams in pain. Still another video shows a New Jersey man punching an officer in the head.

The release comes at a time when Republican lawmakers in Washington increasingly try to downplay the siege, portraying the breach of the Capitol as a mostly peaceful protest despite the shocking violence that unfolded.

Supporters of former President Donald Trump fought past police lines to storm the building and interrupt the certification of President Joe Biden's election win over Trump.

The Justice Department has brought hundreds of criminal cases against the rioters. This week, a man linked to the antigovernment Three Percenters extremist movement was indicted on a new charge that he brought a semi-auto-



This still frame from Metropolitan Police Department body camera video shows Thomas Webster, in red jacket, at a barricade line on the west side of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 in Washington. Webster, a Marine Corps veteran and retired New York Police Department officer, is accused of assaulting an MPD officer with a flagpole. (METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT VIA AP)

matic handgun with him to the Capitol.

Body camera video released in the case against former New York City policeman Thomas Webster shows the man holding a flagpole and shouting profanities at officers standing behind a metal barricade. Webster pushes the barricade and swings toward an officer with the flagpole.

There's a violent scuffle, the officer manages to take the flagpole away from the man, and Webster appears to tackle the officer to the ground.

Other images in court documents show Webster pinning the officer to the ground and grabbing at his face.

Webster's lawyer wrote in court documents seeking his release from jail while he awaits trial that his client got upset when he saw police using pepper spray on the crowd. The lawyer, James Monroe, wrote that "as a former U.S. Marine and a member of law enforcement, defendant's moral instinct was to protect the innocent."

Monroe said the officer provoked Webster by reaching across the barrier and punching him. The lawyer says Webster never actually struck the officer with the flagpole.

Other footage released

in the case against Patrick McCaughey III, a Connecticut man charged with assault, shows police wearing helmets and face shields gathered in a Capitol doorway as the crowd pushes aggressively forward and shouts at them.

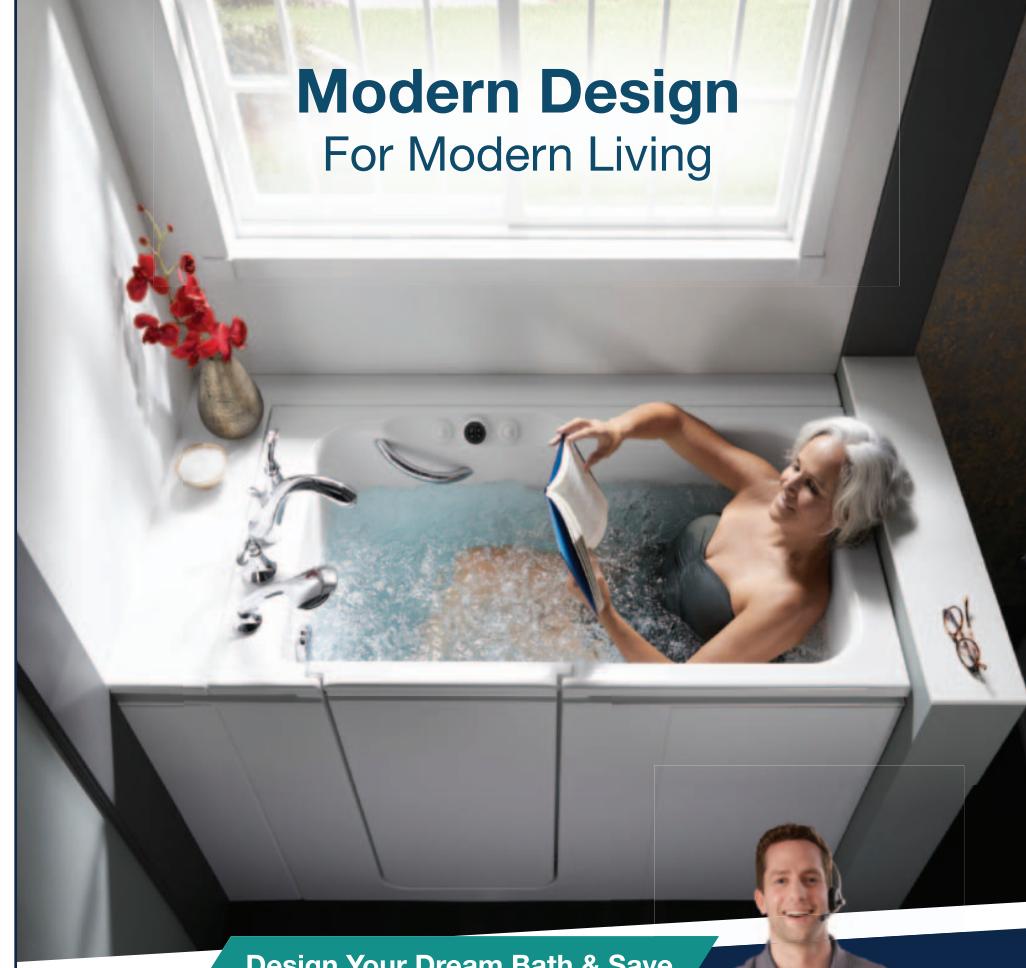
At one point, Daniel Hodges of Washington's Metropolitan Police Department gets pinned against a door and a rioter rips off his mask. The mob shouts "heave ho" as it pushes forward. Hodges, whose mouth appears bloody, cries out as he's crushed between a riot shield and the door. McCaughey at one point points to Hodges and says "he's hurt," seemingly trying to alert the other officers. Hodges has recovered from his injuries.

An email seeking comment was sent to an attorney for McCaughey.

Democrats used the video of Hodges, which had been previously obtained by some media outlets, in their impeachment case against Trump accusing him of inciting the insurrection. The House impeached him — the second of his presidency — a week after the riot for telling his supporters that morning to "fight like hell" to overturn his defeat. The Senate acquitted him weeks later.

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# Sports

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GARRY BROWN

## Tennis clinic adds national champ

**W**ITH A NATIONAL champion among its staff of volunteer instructors, the Moving On Up with Tennis program returns to Forest Park for clinics this summer.

Judy Dixon of Amherst, who recently won the U.S. hardcourts senior singles and doubles titles in the 70s division, will be back with Moving On Up. She has been part of its teaching staff since her retirement as UMass tennis coach in 2017.

The staff includes college coaches and local tennis players, who offer free lessons to young people in the 6-to-18 age group.

"Families gathering, taking pictures, supporting their children and visiting with each other during the clinics — it's wonderful to see," Dixon said. "These clinics not only teach tennis, they highlight life skills. Year after year, I see the same kids return, and meet new children as well. For me, it's a case of giving back to a sport that has given me so much. Moving On Up is a heart connection."



Judy Dixon works with young tennis students at Van Horn Park in Springfield in 2017.  
(THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

From experienced players looking to improve to beginners wanting to learn more, all skill levels are welcome to the clinics.

MOU will offer two sessions at Forest Park. The first runs July 6-9 and July 12-15. The second session runs July 19-22 and July 26-29, all from 9 to 11 a.m.

Players are asked to wear tennis shoes and a hat, bring water or a sports drink, and a racket.

MOU staff will have limited rackets available.

The clinics incorporate general techniques for forehand, backhand, volley, serve and overhead as well as footwork drills and fun games. Each day will highlight a stroke while building on the prior day. The last 20 minutes will be devoted to supervised play for fun games that help the participants learn tennis scoring and the value of sportsmanship.

"I'm very excited to offer this program for our community's youth," MOU co-founder Pat Murry said. "It provides kids with a chance to stay active, improve confidence, and have a sense of accomplishment."

COVID protocols mandated at the time of play will be followed. For more information, or to register, visit [Moving onupwithtennis.org](http://movingonupwithtennis.org). Registration ends June 29.

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NBA

## Celtics overhaul begins

Walker dealt to Oklahoma City, Horford returning to Boston

BY BRIAN ROBB  
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The Celtics offseason revamp got off to a noteworthy start yesterday after the Celtics agreed to terms with the Thunder on a three-player deal that sends Kemba Walker, the No. 16 overall pick in the 2021 draft and a 2025 second-round pick to Oklahoma City for Al Horford, Moses Brown and a 2023 second-round pick.

Why did the Celtics elect to bring back 35-year-old Horford in exchange for Walker and draft compensation? Here four ways Brad Stevens and Boston's front office likely believe the team will benefit.

**1. Salary relief and cap flexibility:** The Celtics didn't want to pay big money to Horford two summers ago, but he currently has a cheaper contract than Kemba Walker, with the Celtics owning Horford about \$30 million less in guaranteed money over the next two seasons.



Kemba Walker shoots over Al Horford during a playoff game in 2020. The players were the key pieces in a trade yesterday between the Celtics and Oklahoma City. (KIM KLEMENT / ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE)

Horford's cheaper salary for 2021-22 will help in the short term by giving the Celtics more flexibility to retain other players on their roster

including free agent Evan Fournier. And if Boston wants to target a max player next summer via trade or free agency (Bradley Beal?) Horford's contract will be easier to move off the books.

**2. A cheap young prospect at center:** Moses Brown is an integral part of this deal from Boston's perspective. The 7-foot-2 big man averaged 8.6 points and 8.9 rebounds per game last year. At age 21, Brown is still a development project but he's under team control through the 2023-24 season at cheap money.

**3. Better on-court fit:** Even when Kemba Walker was healthy, the offensive fit with Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum last season was not great.

Boston played its best basketball of the season before Walker returned from his knee injury.

The Celtics know that Horford fits well offensively with Brown and Tatum given the success of that trio in past years.

**4. Bringing back a player who wants to play in Boston:** Horford recently said he would "love" to be back in Boston. There is a comfort level on both sides with the partnership.



RED SOX

### Back with time to spare

Boston's Alex Verdugo dives back to first base as Carlos Santana waits for the throw during last night's game in Kansas City. The Red Sox game against the Royals ended too late for today's print edition. For coverage of the game and more Red Sox news, visit [MassLive.com](http://MassLive.com).

GOLF | US OPEN

## It could be a wide open Open

Tournament takes on bland look as grinder moves to top of leaderboard

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

The U.S. Open prides itself on being the most democratic of majors with some 9,000 players from all walks of golf having a chance to compete.

Richard Bland is an example of that.

Just over a month ago, the 48-year-old from England was 0-for-447 in his European Tour career. On Friday, he shot a 4-under 67 and walked off the South course at Torrey Pines with his name atop the leaderboard in the U.S. Open.

"A lot of guys have a lot more on the CV than I do," Bland said. "But I'm here to compete and give it everything I've got."

Bland was at 5-under 137. With players still on the course late in the second round, Bland was tied with first-round co-leader Russell Henley.

They were one shot ahead of Louis Oosthuizen, and two strokes up on Matthew Wolff, Bubba Watson and Jon Rahm.

This is only his fourth major — twice at Royal Birkdale in 1998 and 2017, once at Bethpage Black for the U.S. Open — and he came in on a high note.

Bland won the British Masters last month in his 478th start, making him the oldest first-time winner in European Tour history.

He arrived at Torrey Pines and immediately liked what he saw.

"I was feeling pretty good about my game. I've been driving the ball well for five, six weeks now, which is the cornerstone if you're going to put a fight



Bubba Watson plays a shot from a bunker on the ninth hole during the second round of the U.S. Open Golf Championship yesterday at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego. (JAE C. HONG / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

up for a U.S. Open," Bland said. "When I saw this place on Monday, yeah, it kind of set up to my eye. It's all there just straight in front of me, and that's the kind of golf course I like."

Oosthuizen, coming off a runner-up finish in the PGA Championship, finished with two pars in the morning to cap off a 67 to share the first-round lead with Henley. He didn't get any lower in the second round and shot 71, but was right in the mix.

HIGH SCHOOLS

## Finishing what they started

Hampshire wins WMass Division III wrestling crown

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WESTHAMPTON — The seniors on the Hampshire wrestling team graduated almost a month ago.

Their graduation could have been the end of their high school wrestling careers, but the group felt like they needed to finish the job they started.

"We didn't have to come back," said Hampshire senior Nathaniel Picard. "Teaching the future of the program, that is what our job is now. Not just to win, but to teach the next generation."

Led by wins from Picard at 126, Adin Clifford at 132 and Alex Willard at 138, Hampshire defeated Taconic, 36-24, in the Western Massachusetts Division III wrestling championship at Hampshire Regional yesterday.

Hampshire's senior class of Picard, Max Abel and Bryce Illingsworth and their willingness to stay mentally locked in after graduation was a key part of the team's success.

"It means a lot that my seniors cared enough to come back day after day to not only get themselves better, but the team," said Hampshire coach Todd Bryant. "That is the meaningful thing for me as a coach. These kids are dedicated and willing to compete and give back to something they hopefully got a lot out of over the years."

There were five forfeits during the dual meet on Thursday, with Taconic conceding three matches and Hampshire giving up two.

Taconic coach Matt Chamberlain knew Hampshire would probably have more wrestlers than his team did and that winning would be tough, but he is proud of how his group fought regardless.

"Where they are stronger, we are a bit weaker," Chamberlain said. "I said win, lose or draw I want you to compete. That's all I ever ask. I hate losing, but I hate not trying to win more. We are young and have a couple of first year wrestlers ... We will put it all back together next year."

Taconic's Broc Healey (152) and London Martin (160) each earned wins via pin in the second round of the matches.

Hampshire's Adin Clifford (132) and Alex Willard (138) each earned wins via pin in the first round.

Picard won his match at 126 in

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Hampshire defeated Taconic yesterday, 36-24, to win the Western Mass. Division III wrestling championship. For more photos, visit [MassLive.com](#). (GAGE NUTTER / MASSLIVE.COM)

## Wrestling

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quick fashion, pinning his opponent, Levi McHeffia, early in the first period.

The senior's game plan coming into the match was to get right down to business.

"Normally when it's a dual I like to take my time and work on stuff," Picard said. "Today I wanted to go in and get the job done as fast as I can. We didn't want to stay here until 9 o'clock at night."

Taconic's Mike Puksey earned a win via forfeit at 220 to notch his 100th career victory.

Coming into this shortened spring season, the senior needed 11 wins to reach the milestone. He wrestled opponents that were in a

higher class than him regularly during the season and won to give himself a shot at reaching 100.

"He's a really good kid," Chamberlain said. "He has worked really hard to get there. He has wrestled heavyweights and lighter kids to get matches. He has done what he needed to do."

When, where and who Hampshire will go against in the D-III state semifinals is to be determined. No matter who the program is going against, Bryant expects his group to give it everything they have.

"We are not fielding a full team, but we will do what we can with what we've got," Bryant said. "That's all we can do. ... The biggest and most persistent team will win."

### NHL

## Coach tests positive for virus

Montreal Canadiens interim coach Dominique Ducharme has tested positive for the coronavirus.

The NHL said yesterday that Ducharme received a confirmed positive COVID-19 test nine days since receiving his second vaccine dose. No other Canadiens or Vegas Golden Knights members tested positive.

Ducharme isolated immediately.

It was not immediately clear how long Ducharme will be out.

### SOCER

## Player discharged week after collapse

Christian Eriksen was discharged from the hospital yesterday and went to visit his Denmark teammates nearly a week after suffering cardiac arrest during a European Championship match. The Danish soccer federation previously said Eriksen would be fitted with an ICD, an implantable device that can function as a pacemaker and defibrillator.

In play yesterday, Sweden defeated Slovakia 1-0, Croatia and the Czech Republic finished in a 1-1 tie, and England and Scotland tied 0-0.

## Brown

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**AIC ON TRACK:** It was another stellar spring for the American International College's track team, led by two dedicated runners from Kenya.

Sophomore Ezra Mutai won a national NCAA Division II championship in the 10,000-meter run — college track's longest race. Although it was a distance grind, it ended with a sprint to the wire as Mutai nipped Isaac Harding of Grand Valley State by .22 seconds.

With that victory, Mutai became the first Yellow Jacket to win a national title in both cross country (2019) and track and field.

Meanwhile, AIC senior Leakey Kipkosgei finished his collegiate career with an eighth-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, thus earning his 15th All-America rating, those coming in cross country and indoor-outdoor track.

AIC's first national title was won in 2012 by Dominic Smith in the 400-meter dash at the 2012 indoor nationals. Kipkosgei was part of the next national title for AIC, in his freshman campaign in 2016, as the distance medley relay team won the gold medal. Kipkosgei won one of his own three years later, in the steeplechase.

Track was added to AIC's varsity sports list by Vincent Maniaci soon after he became the college's president. He also oversaw the addition of an outdoor track to AIC's athletic complex. Maniaci will retire in the spring of 2022.

Leo Mayo, who served as AIC coach of men's and women's track since those programs began in 2006, recently moved on

to Wesleyan University, where he will coach men's/women's cross country.

**VOICE OF KRAKEN:** Springfield native John Forslund, considered among the elite of hockey broadcasters in North America, will take his talent and his voice to Seattle, where he will serve as main play-by-play man for the Seattle Kraken, an expansion team making its NHL debut in October.

Forslund lately has been heard broadcasting playoff hockey for NBC. At the NHL level, he broadcast Hartford Whalers games, then moved with them when they became the Carolina Hurricanes,

Forslund played hockey at Cathedral High School and baseball at Springfield College. His broadcasting career began in 1984, when he became lead voice of the Springfield Indians of the American Hockey League.

He stayed with the Indians through 1991, before becoming public relations director for the Whalers.

Forslund's signature goal call — "Hey, hey, whaddya say?" — served him well with the Calder Cup-winning Indians of 1990 and '91 and the Stanley Cup-winning Hurricanes of 2006.

Now he has the Kraken (a mythical sea monster). Should be a very interesting hockey season in the Northwest.

**LOCAL BASEBALL:** Baseball fans in the Connecticut Valley have two collegiate teams to follow this summer.

The Valley Blue Sox of the New England Collegiate Baseball League play their home games at Mackenzie Stadium, Holyoke. The Westfield Starfires of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League have Billy Bullens Field as their home.

The Blue Sox have gotten off to a good start, carrying a 7-3

NATIONAL LEAGUE						AMERICAN LEAGUE					
EAST DIVISION			CENTRAL DIVISION			EAST DIVISION			CENTRAL DIVISION		
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
New York	35	26	.574	Tampa Bay	43	27	.614	Chicago	43	26	.623
Philadelphia	33	33	.500	RED SOX	42	27	.609	Cleveland	38	28	.576
Atlanta	31	35	.470	New York	36	32	.529	Kansas City	30	37	.448
Washington	30	35	.462	Toronto	33	34	.493	Minnesota	29	40	.420
Miami	29	39	.426	Baltimore	22	46	.324		27	41	.397
WEST DIVISION						WEST DIVISION					
San Francisco	44	25	.638	Oakland	43	27	.614				
Los Angeles	41	27	.603	Houston	40	28	.588				
San Diego	39	32	.522	Seattle	35	36	.493				
Colorado	35	34	.507	Los Angeles	34	35	.493				
Arizona	23	44	.343	Texas	20	50	.286				

### Thursday's Games

San Francisco 10, Arizona 3  
Chicago Cubs 2, NY, Mets 0  
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 0  
San Diego 6, Cincinnati 4  
Colorado 7, Milwaukee 3

### Friday's Games

NY, Mets at Washington, n  
St. Louis at Atlanta, n  
Miami at Chicago Cubs, n  
Milwaukee at Colorado, n  
LA, Dodgers at Arizona, n  
Philadelphia at San Francisco, n  
Cincinnati at San Diego, n

### Saturday's Games

NY, Mets (Peterson 2-5) at Washington (Lester 0-2), 1:05 p.m., 1st game  
Miami (López 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 5-7), 2:20 p.m.  
Cleveland (Quantrill 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Crowe 0-4), 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Nola 5-4) at San Francisco (Wood 6-3), 4:05 p.m.  
NY, Mets (TBD) at Washington (TBD), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game  
Cincinnati (Gutiérrez 3-1) at San Diego (Lamet 1-2), 7:15 p.m.  
St. Louis (Wainwright 4-5) at Atlanta (Smyly 3-3), 7:15 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Houser 4-5) at Colorado (Gomber 6-5), 9:10 p.m.  
LA, Dodgers (Buehler 6-0) at Arizona (Peacock 2-4), 10:10 p.m.

### Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.  
NY, Mets at Washington, 1:05 p.m.  
Miami at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.  
LA, Dodgers at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.  
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:08 p.m.

### NBA PLAYOFFS

#### CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Milwaukee vs. Brooklyn

Series tied 3-3

Game 1: Brooklyn 115, Milwaukee 107  
Game 2: Brooklyn 125, Milwaukee 86  
Game 3: Milwaukee 86, Brooklyn 83  
Game 4: Milwaukee 107, Brooklyn 96  
Game 5: Brooklyn 114, Milwaukee 108  
Game 6: Milwaukee 104, Brooklyn 89  
x-Sunday: Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 8:30 p.m.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Phoenix vs. Denver

Phoenix wins series 4-0

#### Utah vs. LA, Clippers

LA, Clippers lead series 3-2

Game 1: Utah 112, LA, Clippers 109  
Game 2: Utah 117, LA Clippers 111  
Game 3: LA, Clippers 132, Utah 106  
Game 4: LA, Clippers 118, Utah 104  
Game 5: LA, Clippers 119, Utah 111  
Friday: Utah at LA, Clippers, n  
x-Sunday: LA, Clippers at Utah, TBD

#### Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta

Tampa leads series 3-2

Game 1: Atlanta 128, Philadelphia 124  
Game 2: Philadelphia 118, Atlanta 102  
Game 3: Philadelphia 127, Atlanta 111  
Game 4: Atlanta 103, Philadelphia 100  
Game 5: Atlanta 109, Philadelphia 106  
x-Sunday: Philadelphia at Atlanta, n  
x-Sunday, June 20: Atlanta at Philadelphia, TBD

#### WNBA

#### Tampa vs. New York

Tampa leads series 2-1

Game 1: NY Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 1  
Game 2: Tampa Bay 4, NY Islanders 2  
Game 3: Tampa Bay 2, NY Islanders 1  
Saturday: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 8  
Monday, June 21: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 8  
x-Wednesday, June 23: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 8  
x-Friday, June 25: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 8

## SCOREBOARD

RED SOX	BLUE SOX	STARFIRES	REVOLUTION
at Kansas City	at Mystic	at Vermont	at NYCFC
Today, 4:10	Tonight, 6:05	Tonight, 6:05	Today, 7:30

### ON THE AIR

#### AUTO RACING

4:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Tennessee Lottery 250 ... TV-NBCSN

8 p.m.: FIA Formula E Championship: Round 8 .....TV-CBSSN

10 p.m.: Camping World SRX Series .....TV-CBSSN

**BOXING**

9 p.m.: Jermall Charlo vs. Juan Macias Montiel .....TV-SHO

10 p.m.: Naoya Inoue vs. Michael Dasmariñas .....TV-ESPN

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**

2 p.m.: College World Series: NC State vs. Stanford.....TV-ESPN

7 p.m.: College World Series: Arizona vs. Vanderbilt.....TV-ESPN

**GOLF**

11 a.m.: PGA: U.S. Open, Third Round .....TV-NBC

3 p.m.: LPGA: Meijer LPGA Classic, Third Round .....TV-GOLF

7 p.m.: PGA: U.S. Open, Third Round .....TV-NBC

**HORSE RACING**

9 a.m.: Royal Ascot: Closing Day.....TV-NBC

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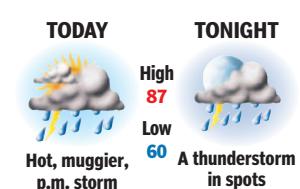
**VERY WARM WITH A THUNDERSTORM**

This Juneteenth will be quite warm and a bit humid as dew points climb into the low 60s. We will see more clouds than sun and as a cold front approaches, a few showers and thunderstorms later in the day. A strong to severe storm with damaging wind gusts is possible, but it's a low risk. Drier air moves in late tonight and Sunday will feel comfortable, but hot! In the meantime, a tropical system moving through the South will bring a hot, humid air mass up to New England early next week. Monday should be the hottest day, then Tuesday will be very humid with a chance for heavy rain and storms.

**SKYWATCH**

This evening's waxing gibbous moon (71% illuminated by the sun) floats in Virgo just above the star Spica. Suspended much higher up above Spica is Arcturus in Bootes. Compare the colors of the two stars.

- Patrick Rowan

**THE WEATHER FORECAST**

**TODAY** Hot, muggy, p.m. storm  
**TONIGHT** High 87 Low 60 A thunderstorm in spots



**TOMORROW** High 88 Low 63 Times of sun and clouds

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**MONDAY** High 92 Low 70 A blend of sun and clouds



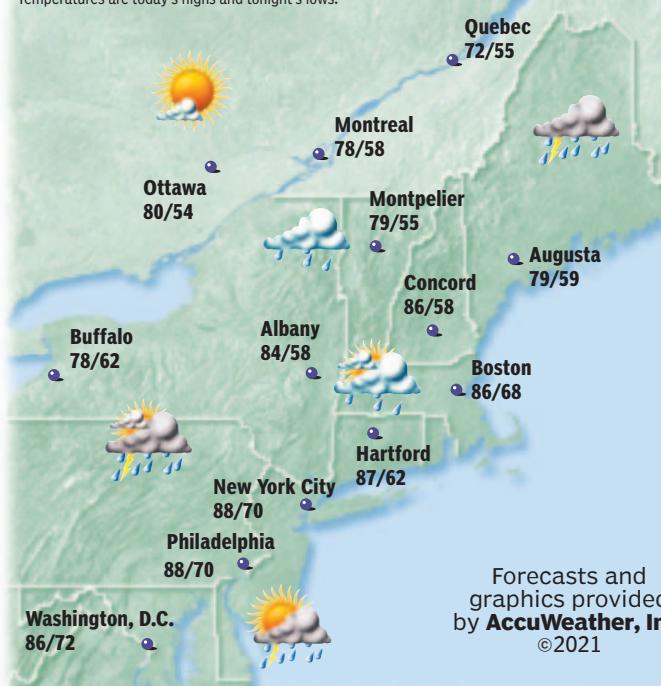
**TUESDAY** High 80 Low 50 Humid, p.m. showers/storms



**WEDNESDAY** High 76 Low 51 Clearing skies, dry

**REGIONAL WEATHER MAP**

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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**ALMANAC**

At The Republican weather station ending at 5 p.m. yesterday.

**TEMPERATURE**

<b>Yesterday's high</b>	84 at 4:00 p.m.
<b>Yesterday's low</b>	45 at 5:00 a.m.
<b>Normal high</b>	79
<b>Normal low</b>	58
<b>Record high</b>	95 in 1994
<b>Record low</b>	42 in 1958

Normal, record temperatures and rainfall recorded at Westover Air Reserve Base

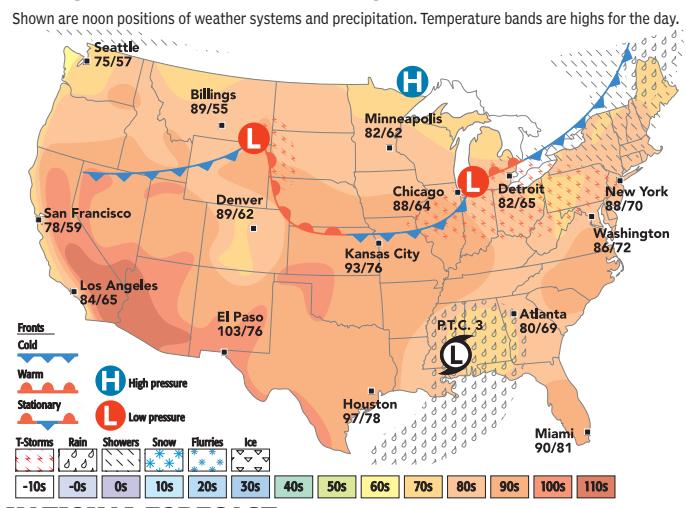
**ATMOSPHERE & WIND**

<b>Yesterday's high humidity</b>	99%
<b>Low humidity</b>	26%
<b>High barometric pressure</b>	30.03 in.
<b>Low barometric pressure</b>	29.91 in.
<b>Peak wind</b>	13 mph at 1:00 p.m.
<b>Pollen Count</b>	Moderate
<b>Grass</b>	Moderate
<b>Trees</b>	Moderate
<b>Weeds</b>	Low
<b>Mold</b>	N.A.
<b>Air Quality</b>	Good
<b>Yesterday</b>	Good
<b>Today</b>	Moderate

Air Quality Source: MassDEP

**PRECIPITATION**

<b>Rain yesterday</b>	0 inches
<b>Month total</b>	1.18 inches
<b>Year total</b>	17.78 inches

**NATIONAL WEATHER MAP TODAY****NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today		Sun.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	97/71/pc	99/70/pc	89/75/pc	89/75/pc
Atlantic City	84/70/pc	82/72/pc	88/79/t	88/79/t
Baltimore	88/69/t	91/73/t	87/73/t	87/73/t
Burlington	84/59/c	84/68/pc	90/77/c	90/75/t
Charleston, SC	90/74/pc	84/73/t	87/74/pc	87/74/pc
Charlotte	92/70/pc	78/70/r	85/79/s	85/79/s
Dallas	96/68/s	97/77/t	84/62/pc	84/62/pc
Des Moines	91/68/s	87/59/t	94/66/s	94/66/s
Fairbanks	68/52/sh	75/57/pc	75/57/pc	75/57/pc
Honolulu	86/73/pc	86/74/pc	86/74/pc	86/74/pc
Las Vegas	114/90/s	113/85/s	81/60/pc	81/60/pc
Los Angeles	84/65/pc	84/65/s	96/77/pc	96/77/pc
Miami	90/81/pc	90/80/pc	112/81/pc	112/81/pc

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today		Sun.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Nashville	89/70/pc	89/75/pc	89/75/pc	89/75/pc
New Orleans	86/79/r	88/79/t	88/79/t	88/79/t
New York City	88/70/pc	87/73/t	87/73/t	87/73/t
Orlando	93/77/c	90/75/t	90/75/t	90/75/t
Philadelphia	88/70/t	89/74/pc	88/74/pc	88/74/pc
Phoenix	116/89/s	115/85/s	115/85/s	115/85/s
Portland, ME	80/60/t	84/62/pc	84/62/pc	84/62/pc
Salt Lake City	100/69/pc	94/66/s	94/66/s	94/66/s
San Francisco	78/59/pc	77/60/pc	77/60/pc	77/60/pc
San Juan	88/78/pc	87/78/t	87/78/t	87/78/t
Seattle	75/57/pc	81/60/pc	81/60/pc	81/60/pc
St. Louis	96/77/pc	97/74/pc	97/74/pc	97/74/pc
Tucson	112/81/pc	111/78/s	111/78/s	111/78/s

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### Tag Sales

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Feeding Hills, 490 North Western Rd., Fri. 6/18 3-7 Sat. Sun. 6/19 8-3. MOVING SALE!

Hampden, 116 Mountain Rd., Sat. 6/19 & Sun. 6/20, 8-4. Huge sale, a lot of everything! Great prices!

LONGMEADOW Estate SALE 164 Viscount Road Sat. 6/19, 8a - 4p Sun. 6/20, 11a-1p First floor and garage only this week: retro items, sofa, end tbs, many lamps, dry sink, Colonial Williamsburg block front chest, Iglo lighted display cab, unusual milk glass, barber bottles & mustache cups collection, chandelier, sofa table, farmouse decor, ornate metal bl. & chairs, Iglo wicker set, garden sets, China sets, quality DR set tea cart, many stands, kitchen, household, high back bench, Wurlitzer console piano, cedar chest, Christ, Santa, paintings, Craftsman's cart, next week we open the whole house (Wanda)

Longmeadow, 179 Cambridge Cir., Sat. 6/19, 9-3. Multi family, furn., lighting, clothing, hshld, more!

Longmeadow, 55 Shady Side Dr., Sat. 6/19, 9-3pm. Amazing Estate Sale, not to be missed! Contents of 8 room sprawling ranch & 2 car garage. See Craig's List Ad. LINDA & KIM

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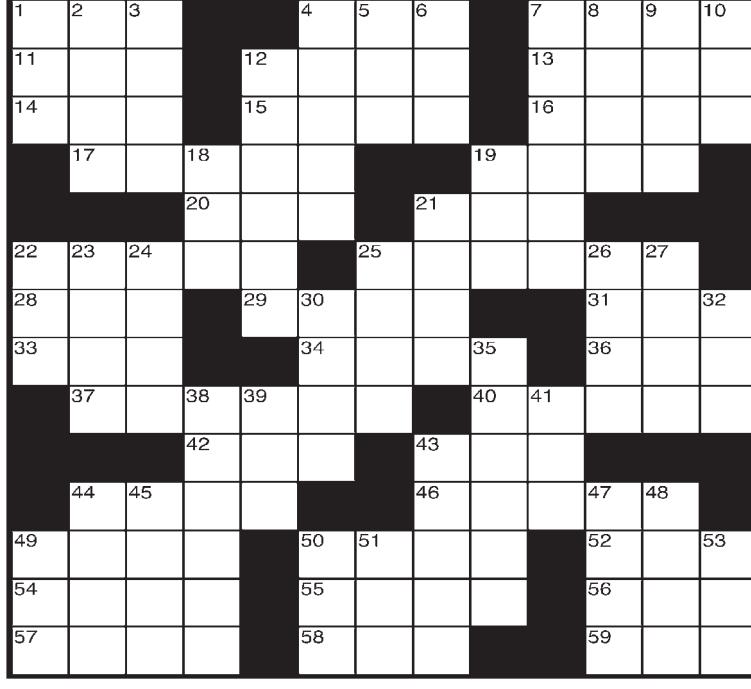
## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- 1 Moo goo — pan
- 4 IRS form expert
- 7 Edible seaweed
- 11 Joule fraction
- 12 Make an imitation of
- 13 Epochs
- 14 Famous Chairman
- 15 Metro area
- 16 Rajah's spouse
- 17 Wilson or Williams
- 19 Mock fanfare (hype.)
- 20 Monastery dweller
- 21 Floor pad
- 22 Tibet's capital
- 25 Police noises
- 28 Charged particle
- 29 Flying mammals
- 31 Electrical unit
- 33 Plant sci.
- 34 Checks out
- 36 Fish eggs
- 37 Highest point

**DOWN**

- 40 Not as wild
- 42 Practical question
- 43 Pronounce
- 44 Quite
- 46 Bond-buyer's concern
- 49 Prima donna
- 50 Admonish
- 52 Shade tree
- 54 Applications
- 55 Mother of Horus
- 56 "— been robbed!"
- 57 Great dog?
- 58 College stat
- 59 Cave, perhaps
- 1 Garnet or ruby
- 2 Middle Easterner
- 3 Borodin prince
- 4 Japan neighbor
- 5 Stroke gently
- 6 Tan or Grant
- 7 Black belt sport
- 10 Chi follower
- 12 Sacred beetle
- 18 Suppositions
- 19 Asphalt
- 21 Haze
- 22 Canadian pol. party
- 23 Jeer
- 24 Not pro
- 25 Porch adjunct
- 26 "Cheers" regular
- 27 Pump, maybe
- 30 Admit
- 32 Cousteau's domain
- 35 Treats wood
- 38 Expression
- 39 Miniature
- 41 Yes vote
- 43 Where
- 44 Entry permit
- 45 Smooth
- 47 Burglar's "key"
- 48 Barry or Matthews
- 49 Defective firework
- 50 Hairpiece
- 51 Venomous reptile
- 53 Male doll



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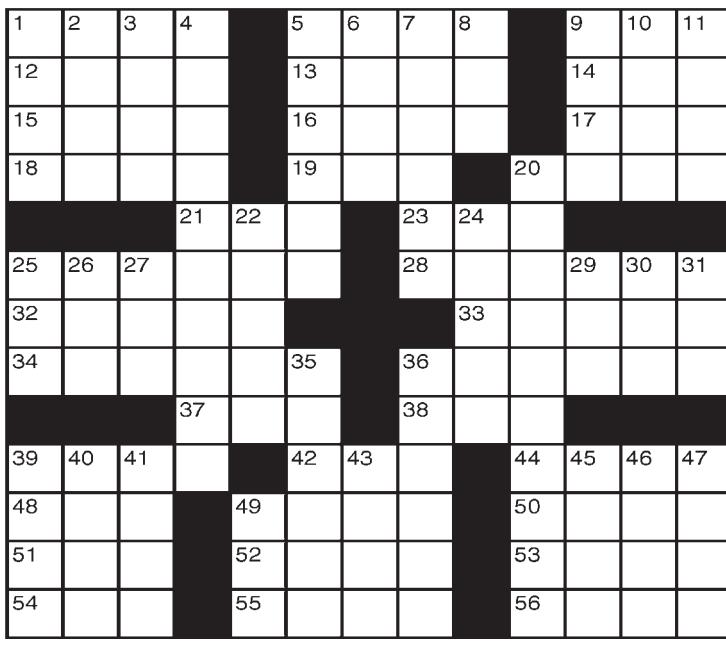
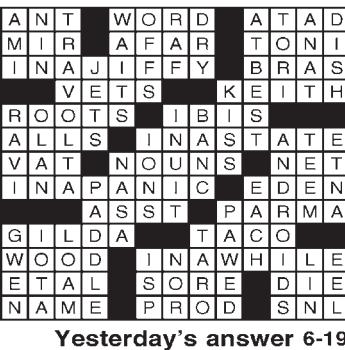
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- 1 Coin toss
- 5 Hotel chain
- 9 Poke
- 12 Verdi heroine
- 13 Pencil filler
- 14 Bobby of hockey
- 15 Recognized
- 16 Ointment amounts
- 17 Crucial
- 18 "Manhattan Beach" author Jennifer
- 19 —cone
- 20 Low-fat
- 21 Large snake
- 23 Win — nose
- 25 Place in trust
- 28 "Who cares?"
- 32 Rice, on a Spanish menu
- 33 Door handles
- 34 Fleeced
- 36 Unjust verdict

**DOWN**

- 37 Sch. URL ender
- 38 I love (Lat.)
- 39 Mideast ruler
- 42 Corp. symbols
- 44 Like paraffin
- 48 "The One I Love" band
- 49 Farrow and Hamm
- 50 Vogue rival
- 51 Roth svgs. plan
- 52 — noire
- 53 Bar
- 54 Home shopping channel
- 55 Wan
- 56 Use scissors
- 24 Li'l Abner's surname
- 25 Corn spike
- 26 "No seats"
- 27 — -Magnon
- 29 Opposite of vert.
- 30 Lawyers' gp.
- 31 Recipe abbr.
- 32 Intend
- 35 Obligations
- 36 "Gold-finger" singer Shirley
- 39 Actor La Salle
- 40 TV's Griffin
- 41 Apple computer
- 43 Calc. or trig
- 45 Arkin of "Argo"
- 46 42, in old Rome
- 47 Puppy's cry
- 49 CEO's deg.

**Solution time:** 26 mins.



## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## DEAR ABBY

## Young professional can't escape dating gossip

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a girl of 23 who has never had a boyfriend. Now that I finished college and am a journalist, I have met some guys, mostly from high school and places like that. One of them, who went to my middle school, recently asked me on a date. Another one from high school asked me out, too, in the same week. (Neither one ever talked to me in the respective schools.) Even if I wanted to go out, I'm a little nervous because I've never been on a date. What do you think I have to do? I know I shouldn't care about what my family and friends say, but they are gossips. - FEELING WEIRD IN MEXICO

**DEAR FEELING WEIRD:** I'm glad you wrote. You do not have to do anything except calm down and get to know who these guys are. You should not rush into ANYthing. Romances evolve from friendships, and friendships take time and effort. Hang on to your sense of humor, and remember: You are at the beginning of an interesting career and life journey. Stop worrying about the gossips, and take advantage of the

opportunities that are opening up for you.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother and her companion recently moved to be closer to me (20 minutes away). The problem is I don't really care for her companion, and he is always around my mom. He comes over to my house when she does, plops himself in our den and turns on the TV — LOUD. (We always close the door because he needs a hearing aid.)

We now need to replace the reclining chairs in the den. He weighs more than 300 pounds, and I can't find a loveseat or chairs that can accommodate his weight. He won't allow Mom to drive herself over here. What can I do? I would like comfortable seating in my den, but I don't want furniture that will break the first time he sits on it. - IMPOSED UPON IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR IMPOSED UPON:** You are under no obligation to buy furniture to accommodate someone you "don't particularly like." Tell your mother YOU will provide the transportation when she wants to visit you. (Her companion can pick her

up when she's ready to go home, or you can take her.) Problem solved.

**DEAR ABBY:** When six of us women got together for lunch, one gal brought copies of her mother's newly published book of poetry. The book was \$20. After describing the book and her mother, she offered one to each of us to PURCHASE! We're not poor, but I thought she showed poor taste by pushing this book on us. We all bought one because we felt obligated. What's your opinion about what she did? What would have been a tactful way to refuse? - DUMBSTRUCK

**DEAR DUMBSTRUCK:** You could have thanked the woman for offering the book, told her you are sure it was "wonderful" and refused by saying, "But I'm just not into poetry!"

*Dear Abby* is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write *Dear Abby* at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

**If today is your birthday:** Pay closer attention to the people and things that bring you joy. Take control of your happiness, and use your intellect to navigate your way through situations that require insight and understanding. Turn this into a productive, healthy and eventful year.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Put your time and effort into learning something new or getting involved in a pastime that will help you explore new avenues.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Shed the past and head toward something new and exciting. Explore new territory and strive to incorporate what you learn into your everyday life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Revisit an idea that stimulates your mind. Reach out to people who have something to contribute. Focus on making your dreams come true.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Reevaluate your personal and professional situations. Consider what you can do to make your life more manageable and achieve the happiness you crave.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Follow through with your plans; set goals that will encourage you to expand your mind and interests. Leave nothing to chance or in other people's hands.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Get your finances and legal affairs in order. Peace of mind will be beneficial when you want to make a move or head in a new direction. Take advantage of opportunities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don't put too much faith into what others do or say. Follow your heart and the path that intrigues you the most. Build solid relationships with like-minded people.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Control your emotions, and you'll make better decisions. A partnership will need an adjustment if you want it to run smoothly.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Invest more time and money in something that makes you happy. Explore your options, take on new projects and build a space that gives you the freedom to express yourself.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Be honest regarding your feelings and expectations. If you aren't on the same page as someone, make adjustments to satisfy the needs of the important people in your life.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Put things in perspective before you address issues with a loved one to help avoid discord. Make some fun plans that will strengthen important relationships.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Don't lose sight of your goal. Look over your options, and put your energy where it will do some good. Take the high road if you cannot agree with someone.

## ALMANAC

Today is Saturday, June 19, the 170th day of 2021 and the 92nd day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1865, with the arrival of federal troops, slaves in Texas were informed of their freedom. The day is celebrated as the holiday Juneteenth.

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was created.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved after a lengthy filibuster in the Senate.

In 1978, Jim Davis' "Garfield" comic strip made its debut.

In 1991, the last Soviet troops left Hungary after 45 years of occupation.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), philosopher/scientist; Moe Howard (1897-1975), actor; Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), baseball player; Lester Flatt (1914-1979), bluegrass guitarist; Salman Rushdie (1947-), author; Phylicia Rashad (1948-), actress; Kathleen Turner (1954-), actress; Paula Abdul (1962-), singer/TV personality; Boris Johnson (1964-), British prime minister; Dirk Nowitzki (1978-), basketball player; Zoe Saldana (1978-), actress; Macklemore (1983-), rapper.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Juneteenth has been celebrated as an official state holiday in Texas since 1980.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1846, the New York Nine defeated the New York Knickerbockers by a score of 23-1 at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, New Jersey. The game is widely regarded as the first officially recorded baseball game under codified rules in the United States.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "I don't want to look back and be like, 'You had it all, and you weren't even present for it. You weren't able to enjoy it.' I want to be here, be now and be grateful." - Macklemore

## BRIDGE

BY PHILLIP ALDER

What's the easiest job in the world? One answer at the end. What's the toughest job at the bridge table? Right — being a defender. It is tough as you are unable to see all of your side's assets. But players do find good defenses — as in today's deal.

West led the heart two. Treating this card as an honest fourth-highest, South took East's jack with his king and immediately ran the spade jack.

After winning with the king, many Easts would return the heart eight, saying afterward that they had to lead back their partner's suit. But this lets the contract make. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and drives out the diamond ace. The defense collects one spade, two hearts and one diamond, but South gets the rest.

However, one East found the best defense: At trick three, he switched to the club six.

If South had guessed the position, he would have won with his ace, blocking the club suit. Instead, he not unnaturally played low. Now, though, after West won with

the club queen, he returned the heart queen. South ducked but had to win the next heart trick. West took trick six with his diamond ace and cashed his last heart to defeat the contract.

Dennis Miller claimed that being a coroner is the easiest job in the world. He asked, "What's the worst that can happen? You realize that the corpse still has a pulse!" It's similar at the bridge table, where the easiest job is being the dummy. In French, the dummy is called "le mort" — the dead — but most dummies have a pulse.

## CRYPTOQUIP

V O Z G Z   V A X Q R   W A X   P D W   T P

N O Z   Z J D F N   F Z S N Z G   A B   D

S Z N V A G I   A B   D G N Z G T Z P ?   R Z Z C

T S   N O Z   O Z D G N   A B   C Q Z J X P .

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** YOU KNOW WHAT I CALL PATTIES PRODUCED WITH MEAT SUBSTITUTES LIKE SOY OR LENTILS? SHAM-BURGERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals X

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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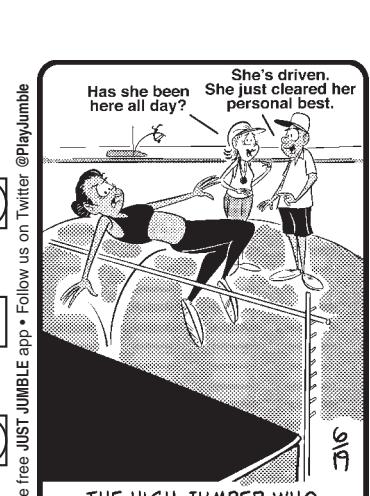
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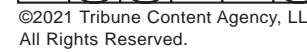
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KHAKI ITCHY TYRANT MANURE Polynesian items dating back many years were available for purchase at the — "AN-TIKI" HUT

## LIVING/RELIGION

TERRY MATTINGLY | ON RELIGION

# The Byrds' Chris Hillman on fame, faith, music

**T**HE BYRDS' CLASSIC "Turn! Turn! Turn!" didn't sound like anything else on the radio when it hit No. 1 on the Billboard charts in 1965.

For starters, the lyrics came from the Book of Ecclesiastes, noting "there is a season, and a time for every purpose, under Heaven. A time to be born, a time to die. A time to plant, a time to reap. A time to kill, a time to heal. A time to laugh, a time to weep."

What critics failed to realize, said Byrds co-founder Chris Hillman, was that covering the Pete Seeger classic was a logical move for musicians steeped in American roots music. Songs about struggle, glory, sacrifice and faith were common in early 1960s folk concerts.

"Where did all of our music come from? Blues and gospel. ... White church, Black church, the music all came from church," said Hillman in a recent interview. "With the Byrds, we went right to that well. We didn't think twice about it. We didn't say, 'We can't do a Christian song.'"

Hillman's musical roots became more obvious as the Byrds ventured into what many started calling "country rock," especially with the landmark "Sweetheart of the Rodeo" album in 1968. Bluegrass, country and gospel themes played a larger role as Hillman began writing songs for the Byrds and his later bands.

While the Byrds put him in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, it was Hillman's grassroots connections that made history, according to the legend who produced his "Bidin' My



Chris Hillman tells his story in "Time Between: My Life as a Byrd, Burrito Brother, and Beyond." (THE PLAIN DEALER FILE PHOTO)

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Chris Hillman

Time" solo project in 2017. The late Tom Petty said: "Chris was a true innovator - the man who invented country rock. Every time the Eagles board their private jet, Chris at least paid for the fuel."

That musical and spiritual journey is clear in Hillman's recent autobiography, "Time Between," with its mix of rock lore and personal reflections. Rather than offering a tell-all about sex, drugs and rock 'n'

roll, Hillman focuses on lessons he learned along the way and his love for the musicians who, flaws and all, helped him.

Hillman grew up near San Diego in an interfaith home - Jewish and Presbyterian - in which strong values were important, but not organized religion. Then his father's suicide rocked their world and forced the family's move to Los Angeles. That's where

Hillman's emerging bluegrass skills led to an unlikely audition, at age 19, with the folk group that became the Byrds. The rest is music history.

Eventually, Hillman's demons attacked his life and music. By the late 1970s, he notes in the book: "I couldn't outrun or bury my own pain. My long-held internal anger was reaching its highest point as my father's suicide continued to haunt me. ... I was making choices that contributed to my restlessness and unhappiness. So much of that self-destructiveness, I now realize, was rooted in anger." In one 1977 song, "Clear Sailin'," he sang: "Yes, I've turned my back on you Jesus, and I hope you understand. Seems like everybody's got an answer and nobody's got a plan. 'Cause I felt buried, bur-

ied alive. Satan, I sure know your sign, and this feeling deep inside makes me wanna shrivel up and die. And I still find myself asking why."

Hillman wasn't a Christian at that time but found it natural to use religious language when asking big questions, since that was normal in bluegrass and country culture. At the same time, he was surrounded by talented Christians, including pedal-steel maestro Al Perkins, Eagle Bernie Leadon, songwriting partner Steve Hill and Byrds co-founder Roger McGuinn, who had become an evangelical Christian. Hillman also met music-business professional Connie Pappas, who he married in 1979. After becoming an evangelical, Hillman joined his wife in Orthodox Christianity in 1997.

"Time Between" opens with a scene connecting these themes, when their California home was threatened by a 2017 brush fire. With minutes to pack, Hillman grabbed two beloved musical instruments, family photos, crucial papers, the family dog, Daisy, and Orthodox icons from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Mount Sinai.

"I think that I had to go through all of those steps," said Hillman. "There was the old, 'If only I hadn't done that or I hadn't have done this, one time ...' Yes, but I think God put me in each of those places, and each time, I had to learn and to move forward so I could get to where I am now."

Terry Mattingly leads Get Religion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

## Religion notes

### AGAWAM

#### Charismatic rally

The annual "Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally," will be held for one day, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. on the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish on Springfield Street in the Feeding Hills section. The evening will consist of praise and worship music with three music ministries, Eucharistic procession, reconciliation, opportunity for extra prayer under the prayer tent, and prayers for healing. There will be two main speakers and two lay witness speakers. The "Faith on Fire Committee," Agawam Knights of Columbus and Saint Martha's Guild will provide food for purchase. Bring a lawn chair and or blankets for comfortable seating.

#### Gift shop

The Vine and Branches Gift Shop at Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St. in the Feeding Hills section, is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Contact Deb Briancesco at 413-786-8200 Ext. 3, with any questions.

#### EAST LONGMEADOW

#### Giant tag sale

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1 Porter Road, will hold a giant tag sale today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on church grounds. There will be something for everyone.

Listings should be mailed two weeks in advance to The Republican, 1860 Main St., Springfield, MA 01103; or emailed to pmastriano@repub.com.



The marquee for "Book of Mormon" is seen near Times Square on May 27, 2015, in New York City. The musical is returning to Broadway in November. (ANDREW BURTON / GETTY IMAGES / TNS)

#### NEW YORK

## 'Book of Mormon' sets return to Broadway

BY PETER SBLENDORIO  
Tribune News Service

Prayers have been answered for "The Book of Mormon" fans.

The Tony-winning stage musical will return to Broadway on Nov. 5, producer Anne Garefino announced this week of the raunchy comedy.

Broadway shows have been shuttered since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When Broadway shut down, so many amazing and talented people were put out of work, many of whom had become family to us," said the show's authors, Trey Parker, Matt Stone and Robert Lopez, in a joint statement Wednesday.

"As writers and as fans we are so ready for the 'Great Broadway Comeback' and are so glad that our show can be a part of it. Can't wait to be back with the entire team and our wonderful cast, crew, and orchestra."

"The Book of Mormon," which opened on Broadway in 2011, won nine Tony Awards honors that year, including best musical. The comedy centers on a pair of Latter-Day Saints missionaries who are assigned to spread the word of their religion in Uganda.

The show, which also won

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the Grammy for best musical theater album in 2012, plays at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced last month that Broadway theaters can return to 100% capacity on Sept. 14.

Fans will have the chance to buy tickets to "The Book of Mormon" beginning June 28.

"The Book of Mormon" becomes the latest high-profile show to announce its Broadway return, with "Hamilton," "The Lion King" and "Wicked" each set to reopen their doors on Sept. 14.

In addition to co-writing "The Book of Mormon," Parker and Stone are the creators of the satirical animated comedy series "South Park."

The announcement also said "The Book of Mormon" will return to London's West End on Nov. 15, and that a tour will pick up in Cardiff, Wales, on Oct. 12.



Kennedé Wallace, the 2019 Miss Juneteenth for Austin, Texas, is pictured in the lone star state's capital city in June.

(CINDY ELIZABETH / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

## What does it mean to be crowned 'Miss Juneteenth'?

BY TARIRO MZEZEWIA  
New York Times

**T**his month, as celebrations to commemorate the Juneteenth holiday are underway, dozens of Black girls and women across the country will be competing for a singular title: Miss Juneteenth.

Miss Juneteenth pageants have been held locally for decades but they have been growing in visibility as awareness of the holiday has increased. The first National Miss Juneteenth Pageant was held in 2020 in Memphis, Tennessee, with Saniya Gay, a previous Miss Juneteenth winner in Delaware, claiming the title.

Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, is rooted in emancipation for the enslaved, so it involves both the celebration of joy and the commemoration of pain. June 19 marks the anniversary of the day in 1865

when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Galveston, Texas — nearly two years after the proclamation had been issued. African Americans, beginning in Texas, have celebrated the holiday since 1866.

In June 2020, following widespread national protests against racial injustice, several corporations embraced Juneteenth. "Both Twitter and Square are making #Juneteenth (June 19th) a company holiday in the U.S., forevermore," declared Jack Dorsey, Twitter's CEO, on Twitter. "A day for celebration, education, and connection." Nike, Citigroup, Target and Lyft also recognized the day officially. Legislative efforts to make Juneteenth a federal holiday continue.

In communities where the arrival of the news of emancipation has long been celebrated, Juneteenth is marked with gatherings over prayer, music, food and dancing — and, in many places, pageants aiming to crown a Miss (and Mr.) Juneteenth, with different contests for children, teens and adults.

Many elements of a Miss



Vickie Heath-Glossen, the winner of the 1981-1982 Miss Juneteenth Texas pageant, with her trophy in Baytown, Texas. Miss Juneteenth pageants have been held locally for decades but they have been growing in visibility as awareness of the holiday has increased. (MIRANDA BARNES / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

**Yet for young Black women who earn the title, the honor is connected to a holiday that marks the emancipation of their ancestors. More than simply a crown, Miss Juneteenth holds deep meaning to these women, their families and their communities.**

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Kennedé Wallace, 16, won the 2019 Miss Juneteenth pageant for Austin, Texas. Because of the pandemic, she's held her crown and title for an additional year, a responsibility she said she's carried with pride, especially during the protests and the conversations about police brutality toward African Americans that took place in the summer of 2020.

"It's a reminder that I'm proudly Black and I'm happy about it and I'm strong," she said. "A reminder that Black is beautiful. To be ourselves with the hate or without the hate that we experience. A reminder that we're free. We're here with a purpose."

**'Heaven knows, we are not free yet.'**

Opal Lee, 94, is an activist and former teacher who

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## FUN CORNER

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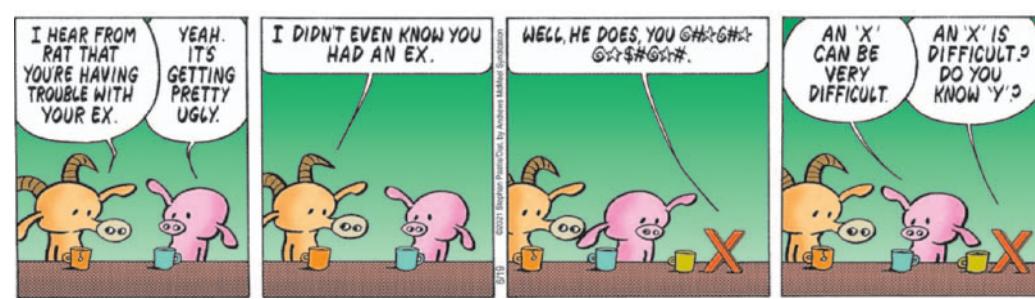


"SLOW AND CRANKY" IS TAKING ME TO SEE THE LATEST "FAST AND FURIOUS" MOVIE."

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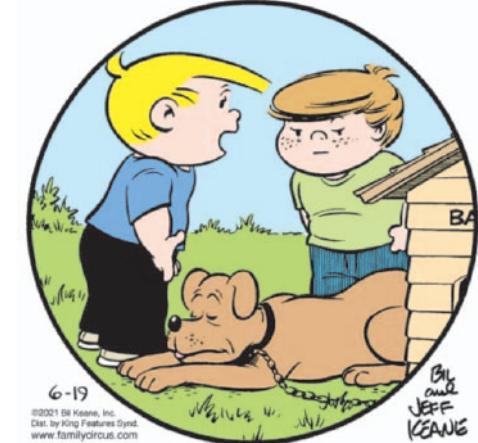
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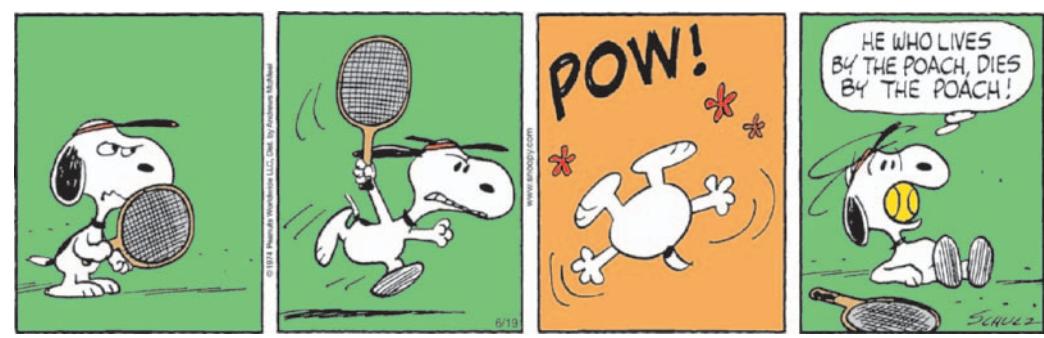


"He's a good watchdog — when he's awake."

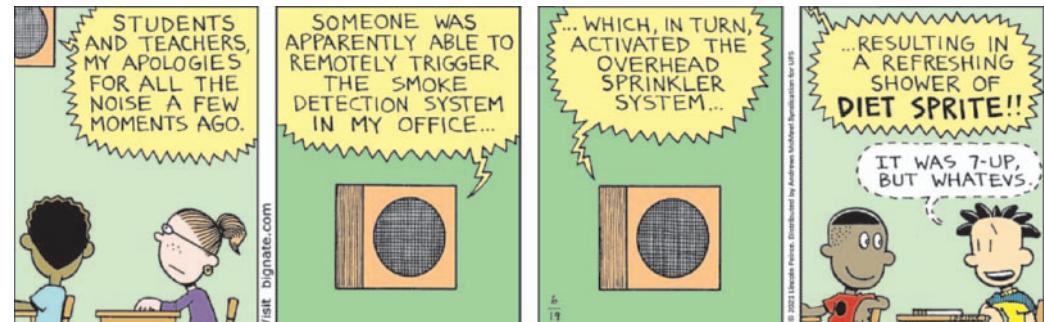
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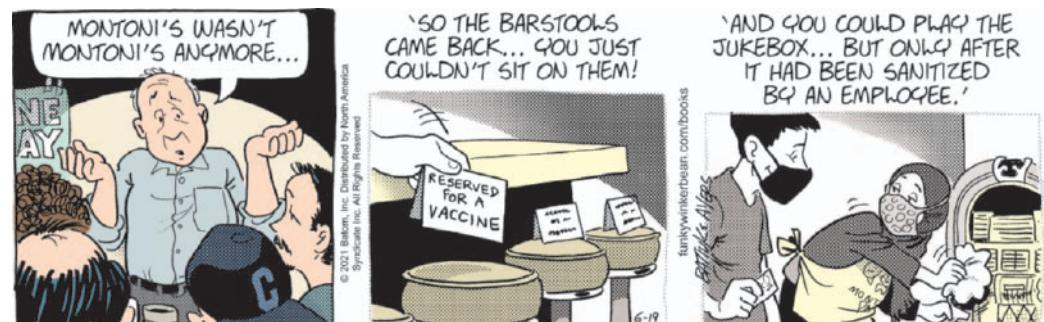
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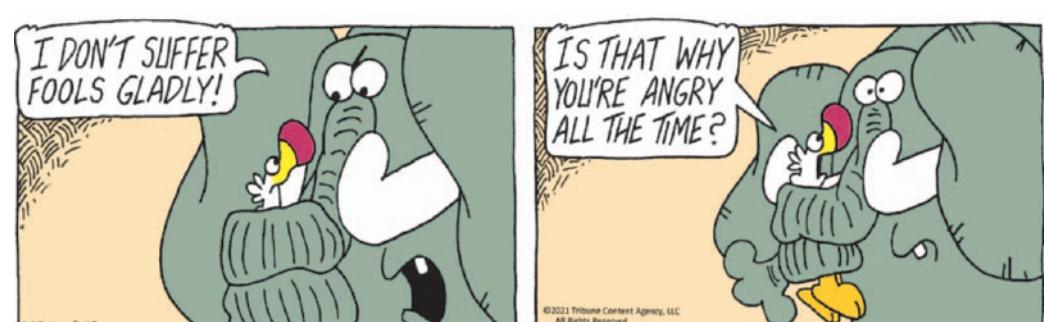
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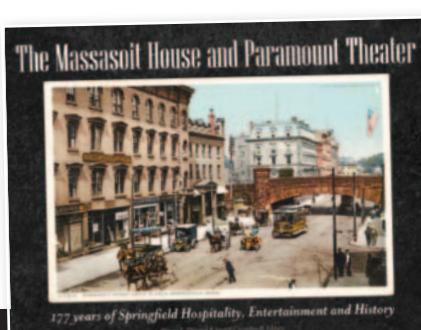
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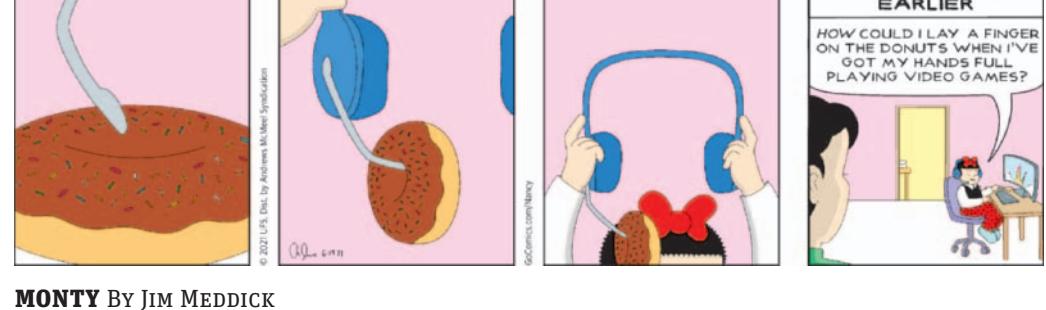
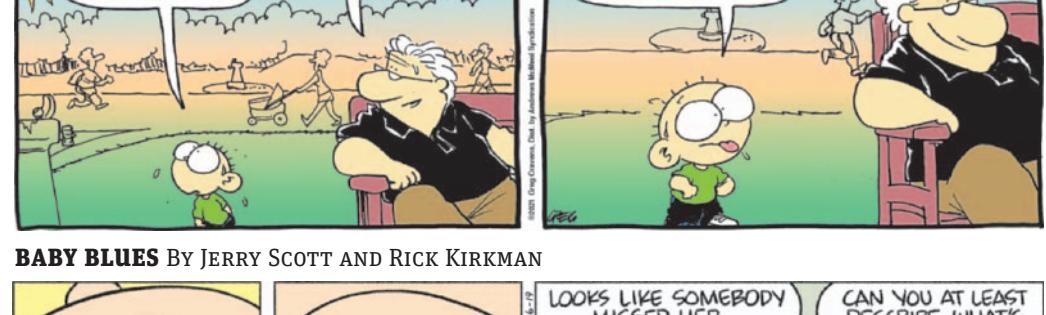
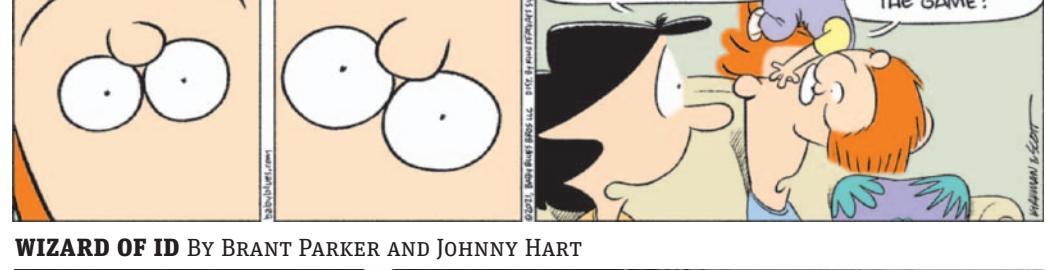
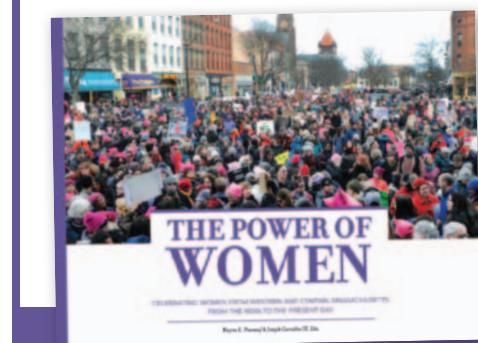


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